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# MARCONI ON TOP!

BY LOU GAUTIER

ROUND 10 of the Quit National Soccer League saw defending champions Marconi Fairfield regain the lead after Sydney Olympic had occupied first place for five weeks.

The battle has now been joined, with Marconi enjoying a one-point lead over Olympic, South Melbourne Hellas and Apia Leichhardt.

Apia are still up there with the leaders after passing the big test against Olympic with flying colours last Sunday. They are for real.

And so are Ferenc Puskas' South Melbourne Hellas, who have taken over from Melbourne Croatia as Victoria's flagbearer.

Injury-stricken Melbourne Croatia have slumped to sixth place and are out of the Top Five for the first time this season after losing for the third consecutive week.

Improving Adelaide City have swept past them into fifth place, two points behind the trio of second placed sides.

Preston Makedo-

nia have finally caught fire and are now within striking distance of the five while St George and Wollongong City's hopes of end of season play-offs have been killed off, especially Saints', who are now very much involved in the battle against relegation.

Blacktown, too, will have to limit their ambitions to staving off the drop after yet another defeat last weekend, a loss which resulted in former Socceroo coach Les Scheinflug and the club parting company.

Scheinflug is the fourth coaching change so far in the NSL — and there are 16 rounds to go...

He joins Eddie Thomson, who quit Olympic to become National Director of Coaching, and the sacked Peter Jaks (Adelaide Hellas) and Ron Corry

(Sydney Croatia), on the sidelines after a distinguished career.

Whereas caretaker Sydney Croatia coach Graham Arnold inaugurated his tenure with a first-up win at Melbourne Croatia, and scored a goal into the bargain, Brian Garvey has yet to turn Adelaide Hellas around.

The promoted club is living dangerously and may be further adrift at the tail end of the standings after travelling to pumped up Sydney Croatia on Sunday.

Fellow QNSL newcomers Melita Eagles, on the other hand, are the league's big improvers and may climb further up the ladder.

Estimated QNSL attendance after 10 rounds is 218,000 — a healthy 20 percent increase on last season's official figures at the same stage.



NSW Federation president John Constantine this week advised ASW that he would personally announce whether he would stand for the ASW chairman- ship "at the relevant time."



ABOVE — Blacktown City's Paul Carter (right) gets his shot away against Adelaide City last Friday. RIGHT — Goalkeeper Robert Zubica saves with team-mate Tony Vidmar in close attention. Adelaide City won 2-1. Photo by HECTOR CARRASCO.

### ASF chairman statement

Last week, based on very reliable Melbourne sources, it was stated that Mr Constantine would receive support from the Victorian Soccer Federation.

Mr Constantine told us: "I am not concerned at this stage over the question of whether I may or stand or not.

"There are too many other problems to be sorted out.

"Any statement as to who the Victorian Federation supports should be directed to them.

"Contrary to the comment in the article the combined votes of NSW and Victoria do not comprise 50% of the voting strength.

"These states have three votes each, out of a total of 17."

— KEITH GILMOUR



# Marconi in some danger

BY LOU GAUTIER



Action from Round 9's big match between South Melbourne and Melbourne Croatia at Olympic Park. Both teams have easier assignments this weekend.

**MARCONI**, back in first place for the first time in five weeks, could tumble from their pedestal as early as this weekend when Berti Mariani's team undertakes the perilous trip to Adelaide.

Always a tough nut to crack at home, Adelaide City have not been too shabby away from home either and are now firmly ensconced in the Top Five.

Just when one was starting to despair about Marconi's goalscoring

ability, they roared back to form with five goals against Sunshine, with Zlatko Nastevski slamming in another three to put him well on course to better his 1989 tally of 20.

But Adelaide City's defence is far stronger than Sunshine's and I am going for a draw at Hindmarsh, and a low-scoring one at that.

Preston Makedonia v Sydney Olympic also has plenty to offer in Round 10.

Preston have jumped spectacularly up the ladder and look set to fulfil their potential af-

ter a shaky start to the season.

With Abbas Saad and Kevin Hagan back on deck Olympic, where captain Robbie Hooker is in scintillating form, look more than capable of coming away with the two points against one of big improvers in the league.

Let's hope politics that have nothing to do with soccer does not rear its ugly head off the field at Connor Reserve.

Sydney Croatia should be full of fire after trouncing their Melbourne sister club, as we suspected they would, new coaches having the knack of inspiring their side first-up more often than not.

Adelaide Hellas, who are still mired at the foot of the ladder, should not be a problem for the rejuvenated Croatia in Sydney and I take the Edensor Park team to win with something to spare.

South Melbourne Hellas, who have now assimilated Ferenc Puskas' style and method, should be similarly untroubled against the willing, but limited Wollongong City at Middle Park.

The Wolves will be without Zivko Hristovski, sent off against Melita last week, but even with one of their rare playmakers available, they would have found Hellas beyond them.

Apia, whose defence soaked up tremendous pressure before gleaned a point against Sydney Olympic last Sunday, will be wary of Blacktown City.

Caretaker coach Walter Tamandl may well do an "Arnold" in his first coaching assignment since Blacktown and Les Scheinflug parted company last weekend.

This, however, may be far too tall an order against one of the league's best organised defences.

Melbourne Croatia, whose horror list of injuries just keeps growing, are well and truly on the skids and have now lost three matches in a row, but considering all their injuries one can't be too hard on them.

Once they get anywhere near a full complement on the field, watch them resume their march forward up the ladder.

Sunshine, whose defence caved in in the second half against Marconi, are still finding it hard to score goals.

I would be surprised if they found the net even once against Ivan Raznjevic's walking wounded.

Friday's St George v Melita Eagles is crucial to the two bottom of the ladder clubs.

While Melita are improving with every outing, Saints are on the skids and will seriously have to worry about relegation unless they collect at least four more points before the first round of matches ends.

The St George Stadium encounter has a draw written all over it.

My tips for Round 10: St George v Melita draw, Sydney Croatia, Apia, South Melbourne, Preston v Sydney Olympic draw, Melbourne Croatia, Adelaide City v Marconi draw.

# Caretaker Croatia coach prefers playing role

BY LOU GAUTIER

**GRAHAM ARNOLD** is not enamoured with his new post as Sydney Croatia player-coach and considers it as only a stop-gap measure to tie the club over in its moment of crisis.

The Socceroo striker-cum-midfielder cannot wait for the arrival of Tony Vukusic from Canada to take over as full-time coach of the troubled club.

Vukusic was expected to arrive in Sydney early this week.

Arnold had been reluctant to take over as he is a good friend of deposed coach Ron Corry, who was appointed when Vedran Rozic announced he was returning to Yugoslavia.

Rozic, however, is still in Sydney, but has expressed no interest in returning as Sydney Croatia coach.

"As far as I am concerned, Vukusic cannot get here soon enough," Arnold said.

"I am very sorry for Ron (Corry). It really was not his fault.

"The players just did not perform for him. They are equally, if not more, to blame for the club's mediocre form."

Arnold, who concedes that Corry, who had been with Croatia in some capacity or the other for more than 20 years, was one of the biggest influences on his career, revealed he only took over as caretaker because no-one else wanted to step into the hot seat.

"A talk with my good mate, Alan Hunter, who was very supportive, made up my mind.

"He told me the players were behind me and would be supportive."

"I'd rather stick to playing, though," he said.

"I only see coaching as a possibility way down the road when I will no longer be playing."

"And that's a long way off," he added.



GRAHAM ARNOLD: stop-gap.

Arnold, the coach, is not too happy with the form of some of the club's new signings.

Like Corry, he believes the club's many teenage players are exceptionally talented and he is likely to retain them in the first team — which may come as a shock to the Croatia committee, which was critical of Corry's large scale youth policy.

"One thing is abundantly clear: Arnold will be very much his own man during his brief tenure as coach

## TORPEDO TICKETS

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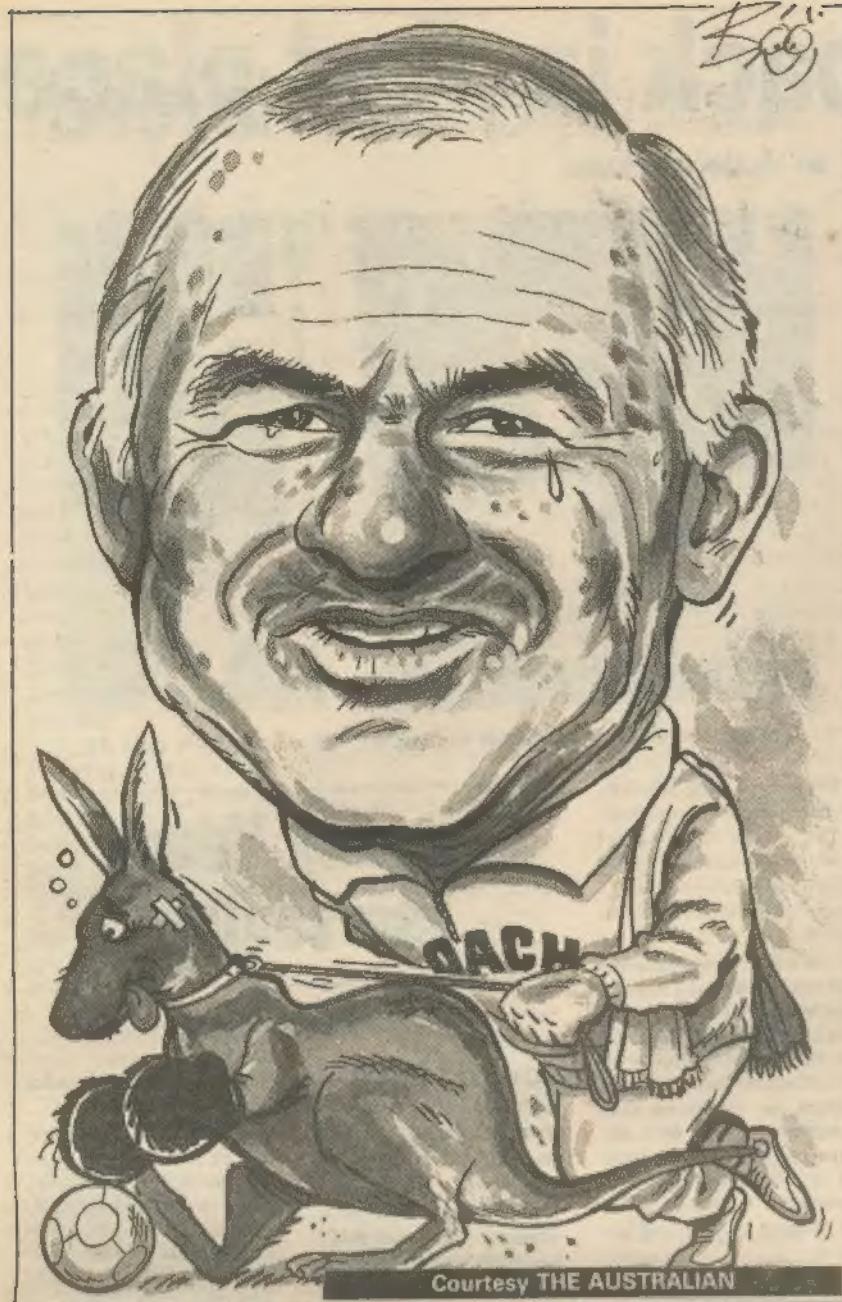
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# Socceroos training for Torpedo matches

By TED SIMMONS of AAP

THE Socceroos made their long-delayed comeback last week to start training for the international matches later this month against the touring Soviet team Torpedo Moscow.

It was the first public appearance by the Socceroos since their elimination by Israel last April from the World Cup.

Sydney members of the squad trained at St George Stadium under national coach Frank Arok and assistant Berti Mariani.

Australia is scheduled to meet the tourists in Sydney on January 19 and Melbourne on February 2.

Sweepers Robbie Hooker (Sydney Olympic) and Robert Wheatley (Marconi) have been brought into the Sydney squad following the withdrawal of sweeper Andy Kozka.

Teenage goalkeeper Mark Bosnich, who is currently with English giant Manchester United, has also returned to Sydney for the Socceroo matches.

Arok, who remains Australia's coach until July when his contract expires, has the task of putting together a new side following the retirement of several key players and the movement abroad of others.

The Muscovites will sort out those angling for a place in the Socceroo team for the Barcelona Olympic Games.

The Soviet Union has won two Olympic gold medals, the first in Melbourne in 1956 and the second in Seoul in 1988.

Torpedo has an impressive record of being three times champion of the USSR and six times winner of the Soviet Cup and in the season recently concluded finished fifth in the Soviet First Division.

Meanwhile, Northern NSW coach Ken Kaiser has named seven NSL members in the team to meet Torpedo in the opening tour match at Newcastle on January 17.

Kaiser is confident

the game will go ahead as scheduled at the International Sports Centre and expects council engineers to declare the ground buildings safe from any earthquake damage.

The Northern NSW team is: Graham Jennings (Apia), Darren Stewart (Apia), Peter Murray (Apia), Ralph Maier (Blacktown), David Lowe (Marconi),

Marshall Soper (Melita), Gary Phillips (Olympic), Steve Dorman (Adamstown), Ross Wells (Adamstown), Scott Wells (AIS), John McQuarrie (Adamstown), Neil Owens (Austral), Michael Boogaard (Austral), Dennis King (Weston), Paul Waddingham (West Wallsend), Peter Gunning (Canberra).



GARY PHILLIPS — selected in the Northern NSW squad.

## New trio will boost ailing Saint George

THREE new players are in line to make their debut with struggling St George as the team battles to move away from the relegation area.

Coach Frank Arok said the three players have been in full training with the club for the past three months but their selection has been held up because of inability to complete the clearance papers.

"Hopefully we can get somewhere this week and have the

players available for the next round," said Arok.

The trio, who will cost the club nothing in transfer fees, are midfielders Richard Currier (Queensland), Vlado Jeremic (Yugoslavia) and centreback Goran Pavlovic (Rockdale Ilinden).

Jeremic has migrated to Australia while Pavlovic is a visa player from Yugoslavia who will be able to play until the end of 1991 as soon as his application is approved.

Pavlovic played last

year in the NSW State League with the same club from which Marconi gained NSL top scorer Zlatko Nashevski.

Since the start of the season, St George has lost experienced players David Ratcliffe, Alan Pottier, Mike Gibson, Scott Ollerenshaw and Mike Grbevski from injury or transfer.

"We were after 13 points at the end of the first round but that will be very hard to achieve now because there are only three games left," said Arok.

"That will be most difficult as we have to play Melita, Sydney Olympic and South Melbourne.

"I think we could be about three points short and our concern should be aimed at our position on the table and not on whether we can qualify for the top five."

Arok believes the new signings will strengthen the defence.

"When we have everyone ready and organised, then we'll be able to get the 23 or more points needed to be well out of the relegation zone," he said.

— TED SIMMONS

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## EDWARDS RELEASED

ENGLISH Second Division club Brighton has released 21-year-old Australian striker Alistair Edwards.

He made his League debut at Leeds on December 16 as a non-contract professional from Sydney Olympic, and the club later proposed a \$100,000 transfer, conditional on Edwards making 30 League appearances.

But this was called off when it was discovered the player was suffering from a pelvic condition.

## Weekend fixtures



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ROUND 11  
FRIDAY, JANUARY 12  
ST GEORGE BSC v PARRAMATTA MELITA

St George Stadium 7.30pm

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13  
SOUTH MELBOURNE v WOLLONGONG CITY

Middle Park 6pm

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14

APIA LEICHARDT v BLACKTOWN CITY  
PRESTON MAKEDONIA v SYDNEY OLYMPIC  
SUNSHINE GC v MELBOURNE CROATIA  
SYDNEY CROATIA v ADELAIDE HELLAS  
ADELAIDE CITY v MARCONI FAIRFIELD

Lambert Park 6pm  
Connor Reserve 6pm  
Skinner Reserve 6pm  
Croatian Sports Centre 7pm  
Hindmarsh Stadium 8pm

## Quit National League Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Marconi	10	6	3	1	22	8	15
Sydney Olympic	10	6	2	2	18	6	14
South Melbourne	10	6	2	2	17	8	14
Apia Leichhardt	10	5	4	1	12	6	14
Adelaide City	10	5	2	3	12	10	12
Melbourne Croatia	10	4	3	3	14	10	11
Preston Makedonia	10	4	2	4	9	11	10
Wollongong City	10	4	2	4	11	15	1p
Sunshine GC	10	3	3	4	13	16	9
Melita Eagles	10	3	2	5	7	11	8
Sydney Croatia	10	3	1	6	13	18	7
St George	10	2	3	5	14	22	7
Blacktown City	10	2	2	6	13	18	6
Adelaide Hellas	10	1	1	8	9	25	3

## Results

BLACKTOWN CITY 1 (M. Ivanovich own goal) ADELAIDE CITY 2 (C. Veart 2) at Gabbie Stadium. Crowd: 1483.  
MARCONI 5 (Z. Nastevski 3, F. de Jong, D. Lowe) SUNSHINE GC 1 (D. Clarkson) at Marconi Stadium. Crowd: 2942.  
SYDNEY OLYMPIC 1 (M. Perinovic) APIA LEICHARDT 1 (R. Manley) at St George Stadium. Crowd: 5072.  
PRESTON MAKEDONIA 2 (S. Smith), G. Jolevski) ST GEORGE 1 (Z. Ilic) at Connor Reserve. Crowd: 2000 (estimated).  
WOLLONGONG CITY 0 MELITA EAGLES 0 at Brandon Park. Crowd: 2319.  
MELBOURNE CROATIA 0 SYDNEY CROATIA 3 (G. Arnold, D. Seal, A. Hunter) at Somers Street Stadium. Crowd: 8000 (estimated).  
ADELAIDE HELLAS 1 (A. Kidd) SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 4 (P. Tsolakis 2, D. Mori, J. Palatsides) at Hindmarsh Stadium. Crowd: 3509.

## Crowds

ROUND 10: 25,330.  
AVERAGE PER GAME: 3,619.  
TOTAL ATTENDANCE: 218,690.  
AVERAGE PER ROUND: 21,869.

## Top Scorers

Zlatko Nastevski	(Marconi)	11
Rod Brown	(Apia)	8
Joe Caleta	(Melb Croatia)	6
Abbas Saad	(Sydney Olympic)	6
Ossie Latif	(Sunshine)	5
Paul Trimboli	(South Melbourne)	5

## Team of the Week

T. Pezzano (Apia)  
D. Ratcliffe (Wollongong)  
A. Barrios (Melita)  
R. Hooker (Olympic)  
J. Morlando (Wollongong)  
P. Wade (Sth Melbourne)  
T. McCulloch (Marconi)  
M. Petersen (Sth Melbourne)  
J. Palatsides (Sth Melbourne)  
G. Brown (Melita)  
D. Lowe (Marconi)

## Player of the Week



Tony Pezzano (Apia)

# Marconi is back in first place

BY FRANK SCICLUNA

ACE marksman Zlatko Nastevski served notice that he is hell-bent on smashing John Kosmina's all-time record of 23 goals in a season with a dazzling 13-minute second half hat-trick to help Marconi demolish a gallant Sunshine George Cross 5-1 at Bossley Park last Saturday night and regain the NSL lead.

A highly enterprising Sunshine were well in the match until the break, taking a surprise lead after 31 minutes when David Clarkson buried home a rebound past Bob Catlin, but the champions simply brushed this setback aside and continued to produce their smooth brand of flowing football.

Nastevski had a big hand in the equaliser in the 37th minute when he drew three defenders before releasing Gary van Egmond whose good cross was firmly

headed over the advancing Sean Keogh by Fred de Jong.

Although Marconi were starting to dominate much of the midfield through Tommy McCulloch, Peter Katholos and an in form Ian Gray, Sunshine played their part in keeping them honest with new signing Ernie Tapai adding pace to their attack and exposing Marconi at the back on a couple of occasions.

Tapai came close to catching the home side on the hop five minutes after the break with a quick counter but Paul Foster's power drive was brilliantly kept out by Catlin.

The course of the game took a decisive turn with two substitutions shortly afterwards.

Craig Foster came off with an injury for Sunshine, then Gerry Gomez replaced van Egmond in the 54th minute.

While the absence of Foster allowed Marconi

Marconi	Sunshine GC
Catlin	Keogh
van Egmond	Ketsakidis
(Gomez 54m)	Roodhouse
Calderan	Waddell
(Glavovic 70m)	Parton
Wheatley	Carter
de Marigny	P. Foster
Gray	C. Foster
McCulloch	(Alevisos 50m)
Katholos	Hasler
Nastevski	Clarkson
de Jong	Tapai
Lowe	

Scorers: Nastevski 57, 67 & 70mins, de Jong 37m, Lowe 92m for Marconi; Clarkson 31m for Sunshine. Referee: P. Spiers 7. Crowd: 2942.

## Zlatko strikes again!

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

ZLATKO NASTEVSKI's hat-trick last Saturday against Sunshine George Cross has enabled the ace marksman to streak away from fellow NSL top scorer contender Rod Brown.

Last season Nastevski topped the charts with 20 goals.

So far this season he has scored 11 of Marconi's 22 goals after only 10 matches.

Nastevski, who has seen 32 summers, told ASW: "To stay in top form, a player must eat correctly, train very hard and have plenty of

sleep and rest. "Ask my 'boss', my wife.

"Late nights kills players.

"Fitness is everything to a player and Marconi players are super-fit.

"I am happy with my form but I am happier with Marconi's form.

"My team-mates provide me with an excellent supply of the ball, which makes my job easier."

The 'old man' of the NSL puts to shame many players much younger than himself, most whom have retired from the game at a much younger age.

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BY FRANK SCICLUNA



Crack scorer Zlatko Nastevski at "work". His goal tally is now 11.



## Young Veart the saviour

BY FRANK SCICLUNA

YOUNG Adelaide City striker Carl Veart grabbed a goal in each half to give his side a solid 2-1 victory despite a strong second half comeback from Blacktown City at the Gabbie Stadium on Friday night.

The Demons appeared on the way to coping a hiding at the break with Adelaide displaying the sort of sparkling form which is sure to carry them into strong contention.

Once they find the killer instinct to convert their superiority into goals, City will be mighty difficult to stop.

With the Demons completely played off the park for the first 45 minutes it was hard to believe that they were only trailing by a single goal and still had a fighting chance of survival.

Goalkeeper Bill Londos was largely responsible for keeping Blacktown in the match during this period, twice coming off his line to deny Veart after just nine minutes and Joe Mullen in the 21st.

There was nothing he could do however when Adelaide took the lead four minutes later. A slow, composed build-up involving Adrian Santrac, Steve Maxwell and Tony Vidmar allowed Veart to get behind the defence and

Blacktown City

Zabica	6
Shillabeer	6
Ivanovich	6
Tobin	7
T. Vidmar	5
Melita	5
Santrac	6
Veart	6
Mullen	6
Maxwell	5
A. Vidmar	6
Gunning	4

Scorers: Veart 25 & 67mins for Adelaide City; Ivanovich own goal 66m for Blacktown City. Yellow card: Yankos 72m for Blacktown City. Referee: Gary Power 7. Crowd: 1483.

# Depleted Wolves hold out for tough draw

BY LEN CHAFER

A depleted Wollongong City had to fight all the way to force a scoreless draw with improving Melita Eagles at Brandon Park on Sunday after playing most of the game with 10 men after Zivko Hristovski was sent off in the 23rd minute.

In the first 15 minutes, both teams attacked down the flanks and from one of these attacks Wollongong forced a corner, taken by Danny Crainie, whose cross found Jock Morlando, but his shot went sailing over the bar.

Referee Gary Power had his hands full when both teams were guilty of some heavy tackling.

The first yellow card went to Hristovski in the 20th minute when he made a bruising tackle on Marshall Soper on the half-way line.

Three minutes later, Power had no hesitation in reaching for the red card when Hristovski made a late tackle on Lenny Vial.

Wollongong had to pick up the pieces, with only 10 men but Crainie made another good run down the left and his low shot was well held by goalkeeper Alex McPherson.

David Ratcliffe also had a strong header saved after a great cross by Declan McEvoy.

The best move of the game came in the 31st minute when Crainie took a freekick 25 metres out, found Morlando who headed on to Paul McFadden, who in turn headed the ball on



to the bar with the goalkeeper beaten.

The game was developing into a very hard tussle in midfield, with players on both sides not giving an inch.

Melita attacked early in the second half, with both Greg Brown and newcomer Sergio Falce coming close.

Brown seemed to be enjoying his runs down the right flank, beating his man and getting in some great crosses, but his efforts were wasted as his team-mates were unable to put the ball away.

In the 59th minute Brown had yet another good run down the right, but his shot was cleared in the nick of time.

Melita made some excellent runs but always lacked that final touch.

Wollongong City	Melita Eagles
Pupovac .....	6
Ratcliffe .....	6
Vlietstra .....	5
Murphy .....	5
Morlando .....	6
McEvoy .....	6
O'Neill .....	6
Hristovski .....	(sent off)
Brodnik .....	5
(Easthorpe .....	5)
McFadden .....	6
Crainie .....	7
McPherson .....	6
Williams .....	5
(O'Donnell .....	6)
Barrios .....	5
Gonzalez .....	6
Callanan .....	6
Vial .....	6
Gene .....	5
Soper .....	6
Cerro .....	5
Brown .....	7
Mason .....	5
(Falce .....	70m)

Yellow cards: Hristovski 20m, Morlando 26m for Wollongong; Gonzalez 26m, Williams 34m for Melita.

Referee: G. Power 6.  
Crowd: 2319.

Melita were beginning to get on top at this stage, but Crainie, who tried his heart out, was giving Wollongong some hope with his constructive running on both wings.

Soper went quiet in the second half and Vial came into the act more often.

Washington Gonzalez and Alfredo Barrios were quick to send long through balls, with Brown, Vial, and Gustavo Cerro doing the chasing.

The rain started to come down and the ball was skidding through quickly. In one of his many raids, Brown combined well with Vial on the right but goalie Dragan Pupovac was able to punch clear.

Wollongong struggled near the end, but credit must go to them for their non-stop effort with 10 men.

Melita made some excellent runs but always lacked that final touch.



Ad City's Alex Tobin (left) demonstrates the art of slide-tackling on Blacktown's Geoff Gunning last weekend. The Demons lost 2-1 and parted company with coach Les Scheinfeld. HECTOR CARRASCO photo.

## Sydney wins Croatian derby

BY VLADO VLAHOVIC

VISITING Sydney Croatia came to Melbourne without any hospitable intentions towards sister club Melbourne Croatia as it fought a desperate, scrappy battle to eventually win 3-0 at Somers Street last Sunday.

The atmosphere at the ground was very festive as some 8,000 people celebrated the stadium's first anniversary.

Sydney Croatia displayed no brotherly love as it hustled and hustled its way into the lead at the 15-minute mark.

Caretaker coach Graham Arnold hit a low snapshot into the corner of the net from the edge of the area, just out of 'keeper Rados' outstretched hands.

Melbourne came close to scoring on two separate occasions in the first half but a 10-metre left foot crack from Joe Caleta was well blocked by Sydney's bean-pole goalie Zeljko Kalac.

The other chance was

created by busy midfielder Branko Milosevic, who centred a cross from the right but a diving attempt by striker Ivan Kelic failed to connect from point-blank distance.

After the break, Melbourne came out a more determined side and actually dominated proceedings for the first 20 minutes.

Speedy Caleta ran amok with three successive attempts but Kalac foiled him twice and defender Wally Savor made a brilliant tackle in the nick of time.

A rare mistake by the young Sydney goalkeeper saw Mark Jones clear a Kelic back header off the line and for the remaining 20 minutes of the match Sydney sat back and counter-attacked with great success.

Left back Mike Grbevski journeyed on a dashing run from within his own half deep into Melbourne's territory, before sending a perfect centre to Manis

Lamond, who controlled well, then released David Seal to his right, in a better position.

Young Seal easily found the top corner of the net from close range in the 70th minute after excellent lead-up play.

Only eight minutes later Sydney put the nail in the coffin against an embattled opposition already suffering severe injury problems.

The goal arrived amid "suspicious" circum-

Melbourne Croatia	Sydney Croatia
Rados .....	5
Selemides .....	4
Hannah .....	5
Marth .....	5
Davidson .....	5
Duzel .....	4
(Donnelly .....	46m)
Milosevic .....	5
(Horvat .....	56m)
Opasinis .....	5
Talajic .....	6
Caleta .....	7
Kelic .....	5
	(Popovic .....
	70m)
Scorers: Arnold 15m, Seal 70m, Hunter 78m (pen)	
for Sydney Croatia.	
Yellow card: Marth 89m for Melbourne Croatia.	
Referee: Jim Reeves 6.	
Crowd: 8000 (est).	

ances as a poor back-pass by Andrew Marth saw striker Seal seize on the ball in what looked like an offside position.

He charged into the penalty area before being upended by Theo Selemides, and referee Jim Reeves had no hesitation in pointing to the spot.

Burly central defender Allan Hunter found the back of the net with ease from his spot-kick to clinch a badly needed victory for his side.

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# Olympic surrender QNSL lead

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

**SYDNEY OLYMPIC** surrendered their NSL lead to Marconi after being held to a 1-1 draw by Apia Leichhardt last Sunday evening.

Man of the match and Olympic captain Robbie Hooker said after the hard fought game: "We should have won easily. We badly missed strikers Kevin Hagan and Abbas Saad."

Thanks mainly to a superb first half performance by experienced goalkeeper Tony Pezzano, Apia were able to hold a rampaging Olympic to a 1-1 scoreline at the break.

Pezzano pulled off three spectacular saves, two against striker Scott Ollerenshaw who sent in fierce drives in the 26th and 31st minutes, to deny the home side both points.

Ironically, it was Apia

who scored first, in the 20th minute, following a corner.

The ball sailed into Olympic's box where in-form Apia centre-back Darren Stewart did well to turn two Olympic defenders. Stewart clipped the ball forward but goalkeeper Clint Gosling managed to punch clear only as far as to Brian Ellem.

But the talented Ellem unselfishly elected to square a short pass to his striker Ron Manley, who promptly hit the target from very close range.

But Olympic bounced back to balance the books just two minutes later through lanky striker Marko Perinovic.

Left back Steve Georgakis launched a searching ball from the left to the edge of the Apia box looking for Perinovic.

novic.

The boy from Canberra showed great style in 'killing the cross' with his right boot before unleashing a 15-metre left-footed drive that hit the target.

Olympic squandered two chances, one each from John Koch and Robbie Ironside in an exciting first half played in a swirling wind.

But Apia were able to neutralise a rampaging Olympic in the second half, mainly due to the

industrious work of midfielders Alex Bandallo, Ellem and Shane Clinch.

Hooker, however, stole the show when on three occasions, with ice-cold efficiency, he delicately stole the ball from the feet of Apia attackers when they looked most threatening well inside Olympic's box.

All in all it was a most entertaining match with plenty of thrills and spills for the spectators.

## Crino finds super-form

BY LYALL JOHNSON

**PRESTON Makedonia** celebrated its traditional Christmas with a comfortable 2-1 home win over St George last Sunday at Connor Reserve.

Preston, led by Socceroo star Oscar Crino, dominated all afternoon and but for squandered opportunities, St George keeper John Filan, and a disallowed goal in the 84th minute, would have done better than finish only one goal up at fulltime.

Kicking against a stiff breeze Makedonia were first on the score card in the 14th minute when Steve Smith side-footed past advancing keeper Filan after a lovely throughball from defender Zoran Tasevski.

St George almost put Preston two up with an own goal in the 27th minute and Preston's Andrew Zinni totally missed a header in the box and ended up giving away a freekick.

An unimpressive St George failed to use the strong breeze in the first half, mounting only a couple of attacks, none of which seriously threatened Preston keeper Phillip Traianedes.

Coach Frank Arok could only hang his head as his team was continually outplayed and made even fewer forward moves in the second half until for-

ward Zoran Ilic put the ball past the right hand of Traianedes in the dying minutes of regulation time.

But it was too little too late. Preston had already wrapped up the match in the 65th minute when Bill Piculovski beat the off-side trap and George Jolevski nudged the ball past Filan and ran round him to tap it into the net with his left foot.

Preston attacked relentlessly in the second half and were unlucky not to score more goals.

Robert Markovac's goal in the 84th minute was disallowed when he was flagged off-side and Andrew Zinni's short range shot was beautifully saved by Filan.

In fact, Filan was St George's best player on the day, denying Makedonia on numerous occasions.

Preston on the other hand, were far superior all over the pitch and managed to keep St George defending most of the game.

Crino, in particular, is proving worthy of his \$35,000 transfer fee. He is showing fine skills and a determined workmanlike attitude in both attack and defence.

Back after seven weeks out with a broken bone in his right foot, Spink limped from the field early in the second half after twisting his right ankle.

**ST GEORGE**

Tilanedes	3	Filan	7
Tasevski	5	Green	3
Jolevski	5	Pavlovic	5
Jackson	5	McGregor	4
Piculovski	5	Milicevic	4
Markovac	6	(Jeremic	83m)
Petrov	5	O'Shea	3
Smith	5	Harper	3
Spink	4	kslović	4
(Momiroski	48m)	Bingley	4
Crino	7	Ilic	6
(Stikas	83m)	Haragli	3
Zinni	5		

**PRESTON**

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**SCHEINFLUG "RESIGNS"**

SUNDAY was one of the saddest days in the life of former Socceroo coach Les Scheinflug.

His father Peter, 82, died in the morning and later in the day Scheinflug quit as Blacktown City coach.

Blacktown president Greg Gingell said Scheinflug stepped down because of ill health.

However, members of the club's board met after Friday night's 2-1 defeat to Adelaide City — the team's sixth loss in 10 matches.

Scheinflug tendered his "resignation" on Sunday afternoon after parting amicably, he said.



Walter Tamandl, a former team-mate of Scheinflug with the now-defunct Prague club, is caretaker coach.

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Blacktown's John Gibson gives Adelaide City's Sergio Melta the slip, but the South Australians won 2-1 at the Gabbie last Friday — HECTOR CARRASCO photo.

## South Melbourne a genuine title hope

BY ALAN CLARK



Peter Tsolakis

Damian Mori and his

30-metre shot somehow

squirmed past goalkeeper Robbie Parks into the

net.

This was a sickening blow to Hellas which had opened brightly and had a penalty claim turned down in 16 minutes when skipper Alby Kidd went over in the box.

But Kidd dragged his side back into the game in the 28th minute.

The solid South defence unaccountably let a Lemmy Vatsilas pass

**ADELAIDE HELLAS**

Parks

Healy

Barnett

Maricic

Slager

Doak

(Stamatopoulos 72m)

Watkins

(Keramidas 64m)

Kidd

Rankin

Blair

Vatsilas

**SOUTH MELBOURNE**

McLaren

Healy

Michel

Durakovic

Blair

Wade

Mori

Petersen

Palatsides

Michalakopoulos

Tsolakis

Scorers: Tsolakis 65 & 77m, Mori 24m, Palatsides 36m for South Melbourne; Kidd 28m for Adelaide Hellas.

Referee: John McConnell 6.

Crowd: 3509.

### CORRECTION

**Kimon Taliadoros** should have received no points in the match against Melbourne Croatia in Round 9 as he was sent off.

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# Excessive transfer fees

BY KEITH GILMOUR

THE NSW Soccer Federation will need to closely examine cases of excessive fees sought by clubs on the Open to Transfer List in future.



of time as clubs barter over unattainable player values, leading to the clogging up of the arbitration system.

Clubs may argue that they have accurately valued their star players but there is a limit on what they can expect to receive from their cash strapped NSW competitors.

At times, however, some NSL clubs may be prepared to pay more than NSW clubs can, provided that the players have outstanding potential.

But NSW officials are certain to try to work up a scheme under which clubs will suffer a financial penalty if asking prices are found to be considerably greater than prices achieved. This leads to a waste

HILTON PHILLIPS

There is too great a disparity between many of the asking prices and any semblance of reality.

This leads to a waste



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## NSW Leagues line-up for next season

CANBERRA Croatia, coached by Tom Sermann, and Avala with Mike Urukalo back in command, look to be strong candidates for the 1990 NSW State League title.

Newcastle, with the not inconsiderable backing of BHP, can be expected to throw out a strong challenge.

Whilst the First Division has 12 clubs, the Second has 14 and Federation League 3 has 12.

Central Coast has the chance to show its wares in a Second Division which includes Fairfield City (formerly Penrith Uruguay), Dulwich Hill, Manly Warringah and Southern Districts.

If the NSL clubs' under 23 teams do enter, the First Division will be amended to cater for two 10-team divisions.

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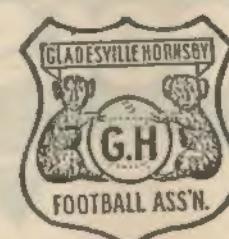
### NSW STATE LEAGUE DIV 1

Canberra Croatia  
Avala  
Canterbury Marrickville  
Wollongong Macedonia  
Newcastle Austral  
Sutherland Shire  
Polonia  
Inter Monaro  
North Shore United  
Sydney Macedonia  
Warringah Freshwater  
Rockdale Ilinden



### NSW STATE LEAGUE DIV 2

Campbelltown Vikings  
Fairfield City  
Gladesville Hornsby  
Central Coast  
Dulwich Hill  
Waverley  
Orange Waratahs  
Rosebery Portugal  
Mt Druitt  
Petersham Lusitanos  
Manly Warringah  
Southern Districts  
SSC Yugal  
Granville Chile



### NSW FEDERATION LEAGUE 3

Bathurst '75  
Rooty Hill West United  
Hills United  
Mt Pritchard  
Port Hacking/Greenisland  
Lemnos Allstars  
Canterbury and District  
Cyprus United  
University of NSW  
Concordia  
Bankstown  
North Ryde RSL



## NSW STATE LEAGUE CLUBS — TOP ASKING PRICES

	NAME	CLUB	BIRTHDATE
\$40,000	Zlatko Markovski	Rockdale	7.12.67
\$25,000	Roy Cotton	Sutherland	14.11.55
\$20,000	Glenn Jeffery	North Shore	19.3.64
\$15,000	Ken Slaveski	Wollongong Mac	10.9.65
	Hilton Phillips	Warringah	15.1.63
	Craig Bass	North Shore	28.10.63
	David Bennett	North Shore	31.5.63
	Anthony Gough	North Shore	27.5.67
	Chris Bradley	North Shore	28.8.72
\$12,000	Carlos Zabala	Fairfield City	16.2.71
\$10,000	Alan Reis	Canberra Croatia	10.9.62
	Howard Tredinnick	N'castle Austral	23.3.62
	Mike Berry	North Shore	14.2.58
	Andre Glucina	North Shore	23.7.73
	Stivo Janic	Polonia	13.12.65
	Keith Warren	Rockdale	17.11.68
	Ian Burrow	Sutherland	16.6.67
	Paul McFadden	Sutherland	14.9.65
	John O'Shea	Sutherland	24.7.57
	Jim Webber	Sutherland	21.8.59

THE NSW Federation will conduct a knock-out competition, open to all members from Division 1 to 7.

An entry fee of \$500 will apply, and the series will go ahead if 32 or more entries are received.

Prizemoney will be on a structured basis.

Meanwhile, the International Sports Centre is being examined by structural engineers in an earthquake damage assessment measure.

If possible the Northern NSW game will go ahead there next Wednesday, January 17.

Should the report be thumbs down, another Newcastle ground will be chosen.

## Scheme hard sell

BY KEITH GILMOUR

THE NSW Soccer Federation faces some hard selling if its scheme to combine the National Soccer League clubs' under 23 teams with State League teams as a winter competition is to come to fruition.

It is understood that there has been some cooling off by clubs that originally showed some interest in the proposal.

The idea was to group four NSL clubs with six State League clubs in each of two divisions.

The 12 NSW clubs would have played a Challenge Cup amongst themselves starting early in the year.

The NSL clubs' under 23 teams were to chime in when the NSL finished in May.

But now the concept is up in the air.

One provision was that NSL clubs would have to undertake to play on their own grounds.

All should be in a position to do so.

Blacktown City owns its arena, whilst Marconi Fairfield's ground is owned by its parent club.

Sydney Croatia's ground is the property of the related King



IAN HOLMES

Tomislav club.

Wollongong City, Parramatta Melita and St George have strong ties on their public grounds, with Sydney Olympic having to share with the latter.

Olympic has received NSW Government assistance with a ground in Canterbury, which it aims to develop somewhere down the track.

Apia Leichhardt is the long-standing tenant of modest Lambert Park from Leichhardt Municipal Council, although there has been some talk of it being transformed into a hockey ground.

The NSW Federation will maintain promotion and relegation on a first past the post basis.

### State grounds

Generally speaking, the NSW clubs have satisfactory arenas.

Outside Sydney, Newcastle Austral has its own Austral Park, which is being improved by the purchase of adjoining property and upgrading.

Canberra Croatia uses Deakin Oval, with the major National Sports Stadium having been lost to rugby league.

Inter Monaro has the Marco Polo Ground at Queanbeyan, whilst Wollongong Macedonia has limited facilities at J.J. Kelly Park.

Avala will have the new Serbian Centre ground in operation, replacing open Knight Park.

In the past Sydney Macedonia has used Jensen Park, in the middle western suburb of Regents Park.

Canterbury Marrickville will have the dated but very useful Arlington Recreation Ground at Dulwich Hill.

Polonia's home, Chopin Park, in the deep west, is well regarded.

Sutherland has full use of Seymour Shaw Park, whilst Rockdale Ilinden still uses Hurstville Oval.

Warringah Freshwater has excellent facilities at Cromer Park, and North Shore United is to mainly use Chatswood Oval.

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## MATCH RESULTS

WEEK 230 TUES 26 DECEMBER

ENGLISH DIVISION 1		ASTON VILLA	MAN. UTD.	1	3-0
CRYSTAL P.	CHESLSEA	2	2-2*		
DERBY	EVERTON	3	0-1		
LIVERPOOL	SHEFF. WED.	4	2-1		
LUTON	NOTTINGHAM F.	5	1-1		
MAN. CITY	NORWICH	6	1-0		
O.P.R.	COVENTRY	7	1-1		
SOUTHAMPTON	ARSENAL	9	3-1		
TOTTENHAM	MILLWALL	10	3-1		
BARNSLEY	WATFORD	11	0-1		
BRADFORD C.	MIDDLESBRO	12	0-1		
BRIGHTON	PORTSMOUTH	13	0-0		
IPSWICH	WEST HAM	14	1-0		
LEICESTER	BOURNEMOUTH	15	2-1		
OLDHAM	PORT VALE	16	2-1		
PLYMOUTH	WEST BROM	17	2-2*		
SHEFF. UTD.	LEEDS	18	2-2*		
STOKE	NEWCASTLE	19	2-1		
SUNDERLAND	OXFORD UTD	20	1-0		
SWINDON	BLACKBURN	21	4-3		
WOLVES	HULL	22	1-2		
BOLTON	BLACKPOOL	23	2-0		
BRISTOL R.	BIRMINGHAM	24	0-0		
CHESTER	WIGAN A.	25	0-0		
FULHAM	BRISTOL C.	26	0-1		
HUDDERSFIELD	BURY	27	2-1		
LEYTON O.	NORTHAMPTON	28	1-1*		
MANSFIELD	ROTHHAM	29	3-1		
NOTTS C.	SHREWSBURY	30	4-0		
PRESTON	TRANMERE	31	2-2*		
READING	BRENTFORD	32	1-0		
SWANSEA	CARDIFF	33	0-1		
WALLSALL	CREWE	34	1-1*		
ALDERSHOT	EXETER	35	0-1		
BURNLEY	CARLISLE	36	2-1		
DONCASTER	WREXHAM	37	2-2*		
GILLINGHAM	MAIDSTONE	38	1-2		

NO. OF TIMES EACH NUMBER OCCURRED						NO. OF WEEKS SINCE EACH NUMBER OCCURRED					
1	24	2	27	3	36	4	14	5	27	6	43
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17	41	42	43	33	49	43	47	47	45	0	0
25	45	53	53	48	59	49	66	47	50	6	1
33	48	61	61	52	62	49	48			16	0

Results History is from Week 38, the start of Six from 38 Pools

WEEK 230 TUE 26 DECEMBER, 1989

## POOLS RESULTS AND DIVIDENDS

Total Prize Pool \$1,508,042.33.

Winning Match Numbers (in numerical order): 2, 17, 18, 31, 34, 37. Supplementary Number: 28

### Division 1

The Prize Pool is \$1,401,095.03.  
No winner - Jackpot week 231 (Est. \$1,600,000 next week).

Division 2

The Prize Pool is \$6,110.05  
1 provisional winner of \$6,110.05.

### Division 3

The Prize Pool is \$18,324.85  
77 winners of \$238.05 ea.

### Division 4

The Prize Pool is \$45,886.40  
3,374 winners of \$13.60 ea.

### Division 5

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## MATCH RESULTS

WEEK 231 SAT 30 DECEMBER

ENGLISH DIVISION 1		ASTON VILLA	ARSENAL	1	2-1
CRYSTAL P.	NORWICH	2	1-0		
DERBY	COVENTRY	3	4-1		
LIVERPOOL	CHARLTON	4	1-0		
LUTON	CHELSEA	5	0-3		
MAN. CITY	MILLWALL	6	2-0		
O.P.R.	EVERTON	7	1-0		
SOUTHAMPTON	SHEFF. WED.	8	2-2*		
TOTTENHAM	NOTTINGHAM F.	9	2-3		
WIMBLEDON	MAN. UTD.	10	2-2*		
BRADFORD C.	WEST BROM.	11	2-0		
BRIGHTON	OXFORD UTD.	12	0-1		
IPSWICH	MIDDLESBRO	13	3-0		
LEICESTER	WEST HAM	14	1-0		
OLDHAM	PORTSMOUTH	15	3-3*		
SHEFF. UTD.	BLACKBURN	16	1-2		
STOKE	WATFORD	17	2-2*		
SUNDERLAND	PORT VALE	18	2-2*		
SWINDON	NEWCASTLE	19	1-1		
WOLVES	BOURNEMOUTH	20	3-1		
BOLTON	BURY	21	3-2		
BRISTOL R.	TRANMERE	22	2-0		
CHESTER	BLACKPOOL	23	2-0		
FULHAM	SHREWSBURY	24	2-1		
HUDDERSFIELD	BRISTOL C.	25	2-1		
LEYTON O.	CREWE	26	2-1		
MANSFIELD	NORTHAMPTON	27	1-2		
NOTTS C.	BIRMINGHAM	28	3-2		
PRESTON	WIGAN A.	29	1-1*		
READING	ROTHHAM	30	3-2		
SWANSEA	BRENTFORD	31	2-1		
WALLSALL	CARDIFF	32	0-2		
ALDERSHOT	ROCHDALE	33	1-1*		
BURNLEY	HALIFAX	34	1-0		
DONCASTER	COLCHESTER	35	2-0		
GILLINGHAM	WREXHAM	36	1-0		
HARTLEPOOL	GRIMSBY	37	4-2		
LINCOLN	CARLISLE	38	1-3		

## THE POOLS RESULTS HISTORY AT 30/12/1989 — WEEK 231

NO. OF TIMES EACH NUMBER OCCURRED												NO. OF WEEKS SINCE EACH NUMBER OCCURRED											
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9	42	50	51	44	45	44	45	45	48	42	18	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
17	41	42	43	33	49	43	47	47	45	0	0	2	3	2	3	2	3	2	3	2	3	2	3
25	45	53	53	48	59	49	66	47	50	6	1	2	0	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
33	48	61	61	52	62	49	48			16	0	4	2	0	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15

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## RESULTS

WEEK 231 SAT 30 DECEMBER, 1989

## POOLS RESULTS AND DIVIDENDS

Total Prize Pool \$1,693,796.10.

Winning Match Numbers (in numerical order): 8, 10, 15, 17, 18, 33. Supplementary Number: 29

### Division 1

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## LAST WEEK'S RESULTS WEEK 232 SAT 6 JANUARY, 1990

### POOLS RESULTS AND DIVIDENDS

Total Prize Pool \$1,917,870.01.

Winning Match Numbers (in numerical order): 1, 2, 27, 28, 30, 34. Supplementary Number: 36

Division 1  
The Prize Pool is \$1,803,540.51.

Division 3

No winner - Jackpot week 233

(Est. \$2,000,000 next week).

Division 2

There are no winners, therefore the prize pool is distributed amongst Division 3 winners.

Division 4

The Prize Pool is \$49,033.30

2,489 winners of \$19.70 ea.

Division 5

The Prize Pool is \$39,187.40

4,502 winners of \$8.70 ea.

### MATCH RESULTS

FA CUP THIRD ROUND			
BIRMINGHAM	OLDHAM	1	1-1
BLACKBURN	ASTON VILLA	2	2-2
BRIGHTON	LUTON	3	4-1
BRISTOL C.	SWINDON	4	2-1
CAMBRIDGE U.	DARLINGTON	5	0-0
CRYSTAL P.	PORTSMOUTH	6	2-1
HEREFORD	WALSALL	7	2-1
HUDDERSFIELD	GRIMSBY	8	3-1
HULL	NEWCASTLE	9	0-1
LEEDS	IPSWICH	10	0-1
LEICESTER	BARNESLEY	11	1-2
MAN. CITY	MILLWALL	12	0-0
MIDDLESBRO	EVERTON	13	0-0
PLYMOUTH	OXFORD UTD.	14	0-1
ROCHDALE	WHITLEY BAY	15	1-0
SHEFFIELD UTD.	BOURNEMOUTH	16	2-0
SWANSEA	LIVERPOOL	17	0-0
TORQUAY	WEST HAM	18	1-0
TOTTENHAM	SOUTHAMPTON	19	1-3
WATFORD	WIGAN A.	20	2-0
WEST BROM.	WIMBLEDON	21	2-0
WOLVES	SHEFF. WED.	22	1-2
BRENTFORD	ROTHERHAM	23	4-2
NOTTS C.	BURY	24	0-4
PRESTON	FULHAM	25	1-0
CARLISLE	SOUTHEND	26	3-0
HARTLEPOOL	LINCOLN	27	1-1
WREXHAM	PETERBRO	28	2-1
BUXTON	S. LIVERPOOL	29	3-3
GAINSBORO	MORECAMBE	30	1-1
GATESHEAD	HORWICH	31	3-2
MOSSLEY	COLNE DYN.	32	1-3
SHEPSHED	CAERNARFON	33	4-2
SOUTHPORT	MATLOCK	34	1-1
BARKING	WOKINGHAM	35	2-3
BASINGSTOKE	BISHOPS S.	36	0-0
BOGNOR R.	SLOUGH	37	1-3
BROMLEY	DAGENHAM	38	2-5

\* Winning match numbers and supplementary number.

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### THIS WEEK'S MATCH LIST

WEEK 233 SAT 13 JANUARY

ENGLISH DIVISION 1		ENGLISH DIVISION 2		ENGLISH DIVISION 3		ENGLISH DIVISION 4		SCOTTISH DIVISION 1		SCOTTISH DIVISION 2		RESERVE MATCHES	
CHARLTON	ASTON VILLA	1											
COVENTRY	CRYSTAL P.	2											
LIVERPOOL	LUTON	3											
MAN. UTD.	DERBY	4											
NOTTINGHAM F.	MILLWALL	5											
O.P.R.	NORWICH	6											
WIMBLEDON	ARSENAL	7											
BLACKBURN	LEEDS	8											
BRADFORD C.	WOLVES	9											
BRIGHTON	BOURNEMOUTH	10											
HULL	SHEFF. UTD.	11											
IPSWICH	NEWCASTLE	12											
PLYMOUTH	LEICESTER	13											
STOKE	WEST HAM	14											
SWINDON	PORTSMOUTH	15											
WATFORD	OLDHAM	16											
WEST BROM.	OXFORD UTD.	17											
	PORT VALE	18											
BIRMINGHAM	BRISTOL C.	19											
BLACKPOOL	NOTTS C.	20											
BRISTOL R.	MANSFIELD	21											
BURY	PRESTON	22											
CARDOFF	TRANMERE	23											
FULHAM	BOLTON	24											
HUDDERSFIELD	WALSALL	25											
LEYTON O.	SHREWSBURY	26											
READING	CREWE	27											
ROTHERHAM	WIGAN A.	28											
CHESTERFIELD	CARLISLE	29											
EXETER	HARTLEPOOL	30											
GILLINGHAM	DONCASTER	31											
GRIMSBY	TORQUAY	32											
HEREFORD	CAMBRIDGE U.	33											
LINCOLN	ALDERSHOT	34											
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Results History is from Week 38, the start of Six from 38 Pools



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# By George, he's got it . . .

BY GREG BLAKE



## GEORGE JOLEVSKI (Preston Makedonia)

NAME: George Jolevski  
BIRTHPLACE & DATE: Preston, Victoria — 26/3/69

HEIGHT: 180cm

WEIGHT: 80kg

MARRIED: No

HOME: Thomastown, Victoria

NICKNAME: Jolly

CAR: Dad's Falcon

OCCUPATION: Computer operator

PREVIOUS CLUBS: Preston juniors and Fawkner

FAVOURITE PLAYER: Maradona and van Basten

FAVOURITE LOCAL PLAYERS: Paul Trimboli and Oscar Crino

MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: Kimon Taliadoros

FAVOURITE GROUND: Connor Reserve

MOST MEMORABLE GAME: In the under 16 World Youth Cup in China when we beat Argentina 1-0. I was marking Maradona's younger brother.

BIGGEST THRILL: Making the Australian squad this year.

BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Not winning anything with Preston so far

FAVOURITE POSITION: Left-back

FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTS: Basketball, tennis and watching cricket

FAVOURITE FOOD: Mum's cooking

FAVOURITE DRINK: Orange and mineral water

FAVOURITE MUSIC: Rolling Stones

FAVOURITE TV SHOW: SBS' World Soccer

FAVOURITE MOVIE: Rain Man

BEST FRIEND: Peter Donis

BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: All my coaches and my family, especially my dad Spiro

WORST INJURY: Pulled hip muscles — missed 4 weeks

AMBITIONS: To be a Socceroo regular and hopefully make it overseas

BOOT TYPE: Diadora

MOST PROMISING TEAM-MATE: Robert Momirovski

PERSON YOU'D MOST LIKE TO MEET: Mick Jagger

Compiled by Greg Blake

ALTHOUGH his scintillating displays for Preston Makedonia this season wouldn't indicate as much, star defender George Jolevski has done it tough in recent times.

Jolevski, clearly Preston's best in at least three club matches to date, has had to swallow his pride and battle injury as his side struggles to regain the form which took it into the 1989 finals series.

A chance to move to Yugoslav club Vardar had come and gone pre-season and just prior to the season's kick-off he suffered serious facial injuries in an accident at training.

By round four, with his broken teeth still in braces and his team without a win, Jolevski, despite a hip injury, starred as his side won its first game of the season 1-0 against Melita Eagles at Connor Reserve.

It was crunch time for Preston and if it wasn't for the heroics of the likes of Jolevski, Oscar Crino and Steve Smith that day the club might still be wallowing at the depths of the table.

Despite a huge injury list Preston battled to victory that day and deservedly Jolevski had now been rewarded with the chance of joining the Socceroo training squad.

That Jolevski returned to Preston at all is a tribute to his devotion to that club.

A Sam call to Jolevski in October from former Preston boss Andon Donevski, now coaching at Vardar, might have seen him move to professional football.

But Preston president John Branov and his committee met and decided Jolevski wouldn't be released.

Jolevski, who was almost out of contract at the time, admits he is still "pretty dirty" about not getting his eagerly sought after chance at the big time.

"But I suppose I can understand the club's point of view," he explained.

"It was a great chance, I wanted to take it. I just hope I get to go next time if I'm given the chance.

"Vardar is struggling at the moment but it would have been an experience in itself to play in the Yugoslav First Division.

"The thing was that Andon indicated that I wouldn't just be in the squad but I would have



ANDON DONEVSKI — early morning call from Yugoslavia.

"I'm thrilled about that, obviously," he told ASW recently.

"It was great news coming after what hadn't been the best couple of months for me.

"Now with Makedonia returning to form everything seems to be coming out well."

a real chance of playing.

"I hope the opportunity comes again."

Jolevski's return to the ranks wasn't a happy one, what with the training mishap and Preston's dismal start to the season.

But Jolevski believes that is may all be starting to turn around.

ASW's Melbourne editor GREG BLAKE continues his feature on days gone by in the National Soccer League, with the NSL now in its 14th season . . .

## A LOOK BACK

### The NSL 13 years on



JOHN KOSMINA — "guested" for Adelaide City in the 1977 NSL.

One John Kosmina announced he was "coming home" to play as a guest in the PSL with Adelaide City.

Kosmina, after seven reserve games with Arsenal in a three-month stay, would be 'guesting' with the South Australian club until he was to return for pre-season training with Arsenal in July.

And a certain youngster by the name of Craig Johnston was winding up his second season in the English League with First Division Middlesbrough.

The 17-year-old Johnston had broken through into the first team late in the season and told the press at home that he'd like to "establish myself here for four or five years and then return to Australia to help build the game up".

In the PSL, Fitzroy United announced it had signed a 21-year lease with the Heidelberg Council and would be moving to the new Olympic Village ground for 1979.

Marconi took a three-point lead at the head of the PSL table with a resounding 6-2 win over previously unbeaten Western Suburbs at Bossley Park.

The star of the

crushing win was former Italian international Roberto Vieri who struck a hat-trick in the match.

South Melbourne Hellas, the only other previously undefeated side, slumped to a 1-0 home defeat against Brisbane City with a goal from Roberto Echeverria.

Prior to the game Hellas had announced it had outlaid \$20,000 for the signing of the "White Pele", diminu-

tive 20-year-old Aberdeen winger George Campbell.

Big crowds turned out at the Bruce Stadium in Canberra and Newcastle.

In the ACT, over 5,300 fans watched Johnny Warren's Canberra City draw 2-2 with Fitzroy whilst at the Newcastle Sports Centre 5,287 people saw a Ken Boden goal help the home team to a 1-1 draw with Sydney Olympic.

## Lewis transfer

HEIDELBERG have signed striker Paul Lewis from Sunshine George Cross for \$8000.

And his former club spent the money to purchase Ernie Tapai from Melbourne JUST.

"I spoke to Paul on Tuesday and when he rang me this morning to accept our offer, I started immediate negotiations with Sunshine to complete the transfer," Heidelberg president Nick Katsakis said.

The deal was virtually finalised in two hours.

The club has already bought Willie Herd from Juventus and Stuart Cannell from Melbourne Croatia.

Sunshine confirmed that the Lewis money was used to buy Tapai after the midfiel-

der agreed on a two-year contract.

"The two-year term was the hard part but we have also been fair by agreeing to insert a maximum transfer fee clause in the contract," he said.

Heidelberg have denied they owe the NSL \$40,000. The exact amount is \$18,437, and that amount was owed on airfares connected with last year's PAOK tour, charged by mistake to the club's NSL account.

The club is confident the Lewis transfer will go ahead as scheduled despite reports the NSL would step in to prevent it until it has been paid.

## NIGERIANS FURIOUS

**NIGERIANS** have not taken kindly to FIFA's decision to ban Nigeria from international youth competitions for two years and to remove the country as the 1991 Youth World Cup hosts.

FIFA has accused Nigeria of falsifying their players' birth certificates, thus fielding over-age players in the 1989 under 20 World Cup in Saudi Arabia.

Nigerian head of state General Ibrahim Babangida has demanded an inquiry into FIFA's decision.

The Nigerian regime's No 2 man, vice-admiral Augustus Aikhomu, claims FIFA's moves against his country are a "plot against the Third World, instigated by neo-colonialists", and that they are a form of "international blackmail".

The African Confederation also announced it would protest against FIFA's measures.

CAF spokesman Farrah Addo, from Somalia, even went so far as to threaten the withdrawal of African countries from all FIFA competitions if FIFA did not withdraw the charges levelled against Nigeria, which he described as "frivolous".

## Koreans seeking 2002 World Cup

**SOUTH** Korea has formally decided to apply to host the World Cup in 2002.

Officials at the Korea Football Association said the decision was made at an executive council meeting yesterday.

"The decision was formal and unanimous. Required actions will soon be taken with full support from the government," said Kim Wan-shik, a deputy international manager of the association.

Kim said South Korea is expected to compete with Japan, China and Saudi Arabia to host the 2002 World Cup in Asia. The winner will be decided by FIFA in 1996.

The World Cup has so far been rotated between Europe and America, but FIFA has recently decided to

move the quadrennial event to Asia for the first time in 2002 after the 1994 competition in the United States and France in 1998.

Kim said South Korea, as host of the 1988 Olympics, would be able to stage the World Cup without much difficulty. He said South Korea already has one 100,000-seat stadium and 13 30,000-seat stadiums throughout the country.

"With some modifications, the facilities can be upgraded to meet the requirements set by FIFA," he said.

Soccer is one of the most popular spectator sports in South Korea who will again represent Asia in next year's World Cup.

Star South Korean striker Kim Joo-Sung



## JOHNNY WARREN

### HAS HIS SAY

#### Peter Shilton ■ England's goalie of the decade



**PETER SHILTON:** Born: September 18, 1949, in Leicester. League debut at 16, for Leicester City in 1966. International debut for England v East Germany, 1970. Second division championship, 1971. Transferred to Stoke City for £200,000, 1974. Joins Nottingham Forest for £270,000, 1977. Forest win first division championship and League Cup, 1979. Shilton named Professional Footballer of the Year. Forest wins European Cup and League Cup, 1979, and retains European Cup, 1980. Joins Southampton for £325,000, 1982. Joins Derby County for £90,000, 1987. Wins 113th senior international cap, to become England's record-holder, 1989.

## Romanian football survives fall of Ceausescu regime

THE Romanian revolution has destroyed the top officials who lavishly subsidised Romanian soccer, but the nation's soccer system apparently remains intact and will produce a well-trained squad for the World Cup.

An official from the National Sports Council in Bucharest, who refused to identify himself, said the uprising would not have "any effect" on Romania's participation for the tournament in Italy starting on June 8.

"Romania will go to Italy by any means," he said.

The state news agency Agerpres reported that the national team would tour France this month for two matches, including one against French champion Olympique Marseille on January 28.

Other scheduled warmups will be against host Switzerland on April 11, against Brazil on May 12 in Bucharest, and against host Belgium on May 26. Agerpres said.

"I don't see any reason why Romania shouldn't play in Italy," Guido Tognoni, spokesman for the soccer's world governing body, FIFA, told The Associated Press in Geneva.

Romania, which will play in first-round Group B together with Argentina, Cameroun and the Soviet Union, qualified for the World Cup finals for the first time since 1970, propelled by a fresh wave of soccer talent.

Once they get to Italy, however, physical stamina and motivation — qualities often lacking in the past — may determine if the Romanians will be able to overcome their usual

underdog role.

Things should be different following Ceausescu's ouster by the Romanian army and revolutionaries on December 22.

Ceausescu's two brothers, Ilie, an army general and deputy defense minister, and Nicolae Andruita, a police general and deputy interior minister, were known as the "guardian angels" of the country's top two clubs — Steaua and Dynamo.

Eight members of the national team play for Steaua, the 1986 European Champions' Cup winners, which is sponsored by the military.

Players were showered with financial incentives and given rent-free apartments and cars.

Steaua's cross-city rival in Bucharest, Dinamo, is run by the Interior Ministry and usually provided the

national squad with four or five players in recent games.

Both brothers were arrested after Ceausescu was charged with "genocide" and ruining the national economy and executed by a firing squad on December 25 along with his wife Elena.

"So what?" said a Romanian sports commentator, speaking on condition of anonymity, referring to the prominent sponsors now in captivity.

"There will be other generals from the two rival ministries to protect the teams. The army and the police have plenty of money, haven't they?"

But probably the biggest incentive for players will be the chance to join clubs in the West, based on new soccer regulations expected to be introduced this year, informed sources in Bucharest said.

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## "Nein"

EAST German sports authorities have blocked the move of Rainer Ernst to a West German club, saying the soccer star was not playing well enough at the moment to deserve a transfer.

Ernst, who plays for Dynamo East Berlin, was sought by Borussia Dortmund and already had trained with the West German Bundesliga club. His transfer was expected to be concluded last week.

But Dynamo chairman Herbert Kraft said that Ernst's recent performances "do not justify a transfer."

Another Dynamo Berlin star, Andreas Thom, became the first East German soccer star to transfer legally to a West German club when he signed for Bayer Leverkusen for more than \$1.6 million.

West German media reports said Thom was being paid up to \$360,000 a year.

Kraft also said that Dynamo will probably transform itself into a civilian club by the start of the next season after being sponsored by the Interior Ministry and the country's hated secret police, known as Stasi.

The secret police has been disbanded

## FA CUP THREAT

ENGLAND's Football Association may ban clubs from the prestigious FA Cup if their players misbehave in the competition.

The FA has sent a warning letter to all clubs left in the cup following the crack-down against pitch discipline that has seen Arsenal, Norwich, Wimbledon and West Ham charged for mass scuffles this season.

Football League regulations prevented the FA deducting points from Arsenal and Norwich last month, and from taking action against the two other clubs on trial.

## SWISS COACH

CRACK Swiss club Xamax Neuchatel will have a new coach next season.

Frenchman Gilbert Gress will be replaced by Englishman Roy Hodgson, the long-time coach of Sweden's Malmo FF.

Hodgson's place at Malmo will be filled by another Englishman, Bob Houghton.

## OPINION LINE

Readers agree with the legendary Pele's opinion that Italy will win the 1990 World Cup.

Some 16% of fans voted for Italy.

The other leading pollers were Yugoslavia 14%, Brazil 11%, West Germany 10%, Spain 9%, Holland 9%, England 8%, Soviet Union 7%, Uruguay 4%, Scotland 3%, Sweden 2%.

This week's OPINION LINE centres on the question of promotion and relegation in the QUIT NSL.

Should there be promotion and relegation?

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Artist's impression of view of Club and Grandstand from the field.



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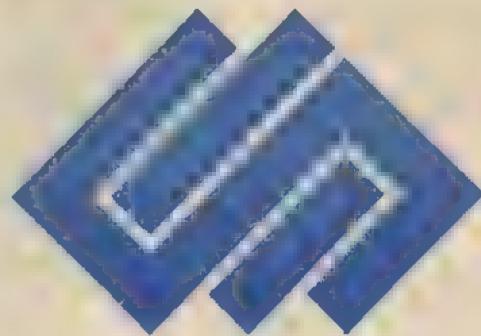
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"Soccer is the fastest growing junior sport, not only in the Hunter region but in Australia.

"With our support, Austral Soccer Club should be able to achieve its goal of entering the National League and build up the wealth of young soccer talent that already exists in this region.

We look forward to a very successful association with the Club."

Mr Chenery pointed out that the Club's name "Australs" stood for "Australia".

"We are proud to be sponsoring a club that involves a large cross section of the Newcastle community — a cross section that is similarly reflected in the make-up of the Newcastle Steelworks."

Over the last 70 years, Newcastle soccer

and BHP have had strong links.

During the 1920s, when the BHP Steelworks was just starting to grow, many people from Scotland and England came to Newcastle and found work at the Steelworks.

These people also boosted soccer in Newcastle.

During the late 1940s and 1950s many European immigrants came to Newcastle to work at the Steelworks and again involved themselves in soccer.

Now in the 1990s BHP is once again involved in soccer in Newcastle with its sponsorship of "BHP Australs".

Con Mitsios, President of Austral Soccer Club, said he was pleased that NBN, 2HD and FAI were again playing a major role in the development of soccer in the Hunter region.

It is a fantastic reward after 33 years that Austral United Soccer Club have secured a Premier Sponsor in BHP Steel Rod & Bar Products Division.

With the added support of BHP, and the Austral United Soccer Club's commitment to achieving National League status, it will mark the return of National League Soccer to what is considered the home of soccer in Australia.

**Artist's impression of the view from  
Sandgate Road.**

## All-time great still much involved

BY FRANK SCIOLINA

FORMER Socceroo and Marconi defender Ivo Prskalo, who led his club to its first NSL title in 1979, is now playing a significant role assisting Berti Mariani in the attempt to complete a championship hat-trick.

While the big names of Marconi's star-studded side generally grab all the headlines, the 41-year-old Yugoslav goes quietly about his task in the background imparting his vast knowledge and experience of a game he adored for so long on two continents.

Before he was lured to Marconi from Europe by former coach Rale Rasic in early 1976, Prskalo had already established himself in the highly technical Yugoslav First Division with eleven seasons and 380 matches for Velez Mostar.

One of his fondest memories is the time he opposed the legendary Johan Cruyff in a European Cup tie

when Ajax were beaten 1-0 in Mostar after being held to a 1-1 draw in Amsterdam.

Another highlight of Prskalo's European career was an encounter with Franz Beckenbauer and Gerd Muller in a pre-season friendly with Bayern Munich.

Had the opportunity to leave all that behind him at the age of 28 and join Rasic at Marconi not arisen, Prskalo may have easily found himself partnering Beckenbauer in New York with the Cosmos but as he goes on to explain: "They only wanted me to go there for a four-month period before committing themselves to a longer term contract.

"That seemed too much of a risk and the chance of coming to Australia was more appealing".

In his first season at Bossley Park in 1976 — which was also the final year of the old State League before the introduction of the NSL — Prskalo made his first 21 appearances in a total of nearly 200 games for Marconi and



IVO PRSKALO

immediately stamped his mark on Australian football

His natural technique, ability to correctly anticipate every situation and his cool, unflustered approach under pressure took the classy defender to the highest point of his career in 1979.

During that one memorable year, Prskalo led his side to the title, was voted NSL Player of the Year and made his first of 26 appearances for the Socceroos against Yugoslav tourists Par-

tuzan Belgrade.

He then went on to represent his adopted country against the likes of England, Czechoslovakia, Mexico, Northern Ireland, Greece, Israel and the Cosmos.

By the time he decided to hang up his boots in 1982, the cultured defender had built up an impressive total of over 600 appearances, first in Yugoslavia and Europe, then at Fairfield and the Socceroos.

Contrary to the

opinion of many judges, Prskalo rates former Australian coach Rudi Gutendorf as one of, if not the best, he has ever been involved with.

"Rudi was totally misunderstood by soccer people in this country," he claims.

"He had a brilliant football brain but I must admit that he tended to be a little lazy. In the end, soccer politics got him and the World Cup defeat by New Zealand which spelled the end of the road for him did not come as a great surprise."

Two Australian players who are held in the highest regard by Prskalo are former Socceroos Atti Abonyi and Johnny Warren.

"They were class players", he remembers. "Given the chance, I'm sure they could have held their own in some of Europe's leading clubs."

Upon retirement, Prskalo went back to Yugoslavia to set himself up in a business venture which he still holds an interest in.

but the lure of Australia proved too much and in the end, brought his family back to Sydney.

When Marconi was on the lookout for an assistant at the start of last season, Prskalo was the perfect choice for the job.

"Ivo was one of the best I ever played with," he says, "apart from being very highly technically equipped, his experience gained over many years in Europe and more importantly, being fully aware of what's required for success in this country, makes him a tremendous asset in our set-up."

One player who Mariani feels has gained the most from working with Prskalo is sweeper Robbie Wheatley.

"Being a former central defender himself, Ivo has been a great influence on Robbie in particular, but then all our defenders have been able to gain much from him. Our under 19s have also been heavily influenced by his presence". Mariani

admits

Prskalo has proven over the years that he has a total commitment to football.

He has shown it on the field during his playing days and he continues to display the same dedication from behind the scenes in his new role.

If ever he decides to take his chances in the cut-throat world of coaching, he has every chance of obtaining the same success as he did as a player.

Mariani has little doubt that his assistant can go a long way if he ever joins the coaching ranks.

"Ivo has got a lot to offer, but it's really up to him", he says.

"His knowledge and experience can be invaluable to the continued development of our football."

In the meantime, one of Marconi's all-time greats is more than happy to remain in the background, doing his utmost to assist a new generation of stars reaching the same heights that he himself did nearly a decade ago.

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WELL-KNOWN Sydney referee Richard Lorenc will handle the Socceroos' game against Torpedo Moscow at the Sydney Football Stadium on Friday week.

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GARY HOSIE is a name not so well known in soccer circles, but he has hit some headlines.

He is the Australian champion when it comes to Subuteo (table soccer), and will compete at the World Championships in Italy later this year. It is a case of representing the Flickeroos, rather than the Socceroos.

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BANKSTOWN Soccer Club is fighting hard to retain its right to play on the excellent Potts Park arena. It was unfortunate to come up with its outstanding dues to the NSW Soccer Federation a few days late, which means that it will have to play in the Third Division this year.

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REFEREE John McConnell's progress through the ranks has won recognition from the NSW Federation. He will handle the NSW-Torpedo game in Wollongong on Wednesday, January 31. The big game kicks off at 8pm, with local NSW State League club Wollongong Macedonia meeting NSL side Wollongong City at 6pm.

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TOP GRADE women's soccer in NSW is conducted by the Women's Branch of the NSW Soccer Federation. Leading officials are David Wadsworth (chairman), Vicki Martinson (secretary), along with committee members Uwe Bracklow, Peter Wingrove and Jill Everard.

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NSW Director of Coaching David Lee made sure he kept in touch with matters soccer whilst holidaying along the NSW North Coast and on to Surfers Paradise. Whilst on the Gold Coast he called on local Director of Coaching, Jim Selby.

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NSW Federation director Fred Parker is ending his board duties.

## NEWCASTLE SPECIAL

Following the big Newcastle Austral-BHP Steel Rod and Bar Division sponsorship deal (see Feature on Page 12), ASW will cover the club's origin and future in a special article next week.

Read how, with careful management Austral (in future to be known as BHP Austral) have built up to the stage that they are planning to challenge the nation's best clubs.

After a very capable input over the years, his duties in the employment section of the Education Department could be taking him to a more northerly centre yet to be decided — perhaps Gosford, Lake Macquarie area, Newcastle or Coffs Harbour.

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NSW club BANKSTOWN is making a strong bid to retain its Second Division status. The club has forged a link with Bankstown Association, which has 6,000 players in its ranks. Bankstown officials are very confident that Potts Park will remain their ground for Second Division, even if this has to be confirmed in the courts.

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The club had hoped to solve its financial woes with a sponsorship deal with Greek club Panathinaikos worth \$150,000 a year and the sale of Alistair Edwards to Brighton in England for \$100,000, but both deals have fallen through.

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The NSW Soccer Federation vice presidents are George Dick and Jim Romis. Board member Peter Gray is treasurer.

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ADELAIDE City has completed the permanent move of ace young striker Carl Veart from state League side Salisbury.

Veart was on loan for the season but moved to the Black and Whites per-

month because the NZFA has decided not to pay match fees.

Fred de Jong and Robbie Ironside, however, will be participating in the international tournament.

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MANFRED SCHAEFER has no illusions about the task that awaits Apia Leichhardt if his team is to be a contender for top honours this season.

Despite a great start to the season, which has seen the under-rated Leichhardt side keep pace with the NSL leaders, Schaefer says the best is yet to come.

"We are still rebuilding, but the players are putting in a lot of hard work.

"We have a long way to go before we can think of winning the championship, but a berth in the Top Five is well within our grasp."

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LES SCHEINFLUG is still fuming over Kurt Reynolds' expulsion in the match against Sunshine a fortnight ago.

The Demons coach claims Reynolds was very harshly treated as he collected an elbow in the face and over-reacted.

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AUSTRALIAN striker David Oldfield has been sent to English Second Division club Leicester from First Division Manchester City. Oldfield went to City in a \$1.4 million deal which sent Leicester's Wayne Clarke to Manchester City. Oldfield, 21, was part of the exchange for which Leicester also received \$313,000. Oldfield had scored six games in 11 games for City after being signed from Luton for \$1.4 million in March.

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SCOTT OLLERENSHAW is having trouble with an injured toe which has been giving him problems since before his transfer from St George to Sydney Olympic.

Because of the injury his form since joining Olympic has been patchy, at best.

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BRUNSWICK Juniors will be sponsored to the tune of \$40,000 by the Mirabella Group. The deal is for \$35,000, plus \$5,000 to sign Frank Sabatino from Frankfurter.

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MELBOURNE CITY JUST has cleared its debt with the National League, from which it was relegated last season, when the transfer fee of Gary van Egmond to Marconi was pocketed by the QNSL office.

## SOUTH AMERICAN SCHOOLS TOUR



THE NSW Secondary Schools soccer squad has left for its history-making tour of Argentina and Chile. Matches are being played against Racing, San Lorenzo and Ferro in Argentina, and Colo Colo, Universidad Católica, Vina Del Mar and Everton in Chile. Pictured members of the touring party are: Pablo Gomez (captain), Phil Moss, John Crawley, Cameron Jones, Martin Abi-Arrage, "Chichi" Mendez, Joe Serratore, Jason Morris, Nathan Sargent, Greg McGirkin (coach), Mark Fenech (manager). Others in the party are: Alex Araujo, John Rancic, Norrie Cannon (tour manager), Tom Milicevic, Richard Johnson, Cameron Wallace, Peter Henderson, Peter Leslie.



JOHNNY PHILLIPS, a leading referee in earlier days in Sydney, is living in Greece with his wife, Rouli. He is hoping to return to Australia, as a coach in either Adelaide or Melbourne.

manently in a boost for Zoran Matic's side.

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THERE will be a battle of the radio stations on Sunday at Hindmarsh before Adelaide City's QNSL clash with

Radio 5AA and Radio SDN will meet in a special soccer challenge as curtain-raiser to the Italian derby.

Former State football coach Graham Cornes, who also played footy with North Melbourne, should lead the 5AA line-up.

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CLINT GOSLING has declined selection in the New Zealand team for the King's Cup in Bangkok later this

out \$60,000 to clean up the debts of the former Newcastle Rosebuds club.

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Limited player purchases will be made by BHP Austral for the 1990 season. One centre-forward of international quality is close to being signed. Two British professionals with high coaching qualifications will be secured.



"You're under arrest," FIFA president Joao Havelange seems to be saying to NSW Federation director and former referee, Doug Rennie (at right). This picture was taken at a conference in New Zealand over a year ago.

develop youth.

Under the scheme, backed by SA firm Euroscan, City will invite talented players under 18 to train with the NSL squad for two to four weeks.

They will receive specialist development coaching on both individual and team requirements and will be 'adopted' by a senior player who will counsel them on the responsibilities of a NSL player.

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BHP Austral is the new playing name for Newcastle Austral, and follows the magnificent sponsorship from BHP Steel Rod and Bar Products Division. "A new decade, a new sponsor and a new name," says club manager David McGuire.

The club is also receiving tremendous support from NBN TV, Stereo 2HD and FAI Insurance.

They will be employed by the licensed club.

As well as strengthening the team, they will carry out school liaison duties.

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TOP TV publicity and promotions manager Julia Mourant has become only the second woman to be elected to the SA Soccer Federation board.

The club earlier paid





Cricket legend Doug Walters relaxing at home. He was a big hit at the National Indoor Soccer League presentations at Oaklands House, Dundas.

## Indoor finals a huge success

FUTSAL officials were highly delighted with the public response to last month's national indoor finals. "The 3,500 attendance was a tremendous public response," president Joe Brent said. "We made contact

with our own supporters and they came in droves.

"A direct line through from the under 10 kiddies to the National Indoor League players was wanted, and it all happened."

Bigger things still are planned for the

1990 season. The national competition will be properly rationalised.

Two clubs will be admitted from Sydney and Melbourne.

Canberra, Adelaide, Perth and Brisbane will be allowed one each.

— KEITH GILMOUR

## CARVALHO ENDS SEASON ON A MARVELLOUS NOTE

BY JOE DI MEOLO

FORTUNATO Carvalho capped off a great indoor season when he was voted the 1989 Player of the Year.

Carvalho, whose team, the Melbourne Buffalos (last season's champions), were knocked out in the semi-finals against minor premiers and champions, the Western Sydney Swans, had an impressive tour of Mexico and played a major role in Australia's triumph in the Pacific Cup with spectacular goals.



Carvalho

His team-mate John Metaxas, who was overlooked for the trip to Mexico, made up for his exclusion by scoring 12 goals in the last league round against the Valley Ford Falcons to take

### MEN:

Player of the Year —  
Top Goalscorer —  
Rookie of the Year —  
Goalkeeper of the Year —  
Manager of the Year —  
Coach of the Year —

Fortunato Carvalho  
John Metaxas  
Daren Simpson  
Bruce Thurlow  
Bob Corbett  
Berne Duval

Melb Buffalos  
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West Sydney Swans  
Brisbane Baysiders  
West Sydney Swans

### WOMEN:

Player of the Year —  
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Manager of the Year —  
Coach of the Year —

Cindy Heydon  
Kim Lemonty  
Tanya Corbett  
Donna Cooperthwaite  
BRI Pearoudia  
Nick Nicolopoulos

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Brisbane Baysiders  
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## De Jong finds scoring touch

FRED de Jong is a new man after finding the shooting boots which have been missing since the start of the season.

De Jong finally opened his scoring account for the summer competition against Sydney Croatia in Round 9 after being second top scorer in the National Soccer League last season.

"It's been a hassle because I've been trying all season but haven't been able to put away any of the chances," he said.

"As the games kept ending without a goal to my name I began to get a mental hang-up about scoring.

"You try not to think about it but it had been in my mind for the past few weeks and I was going on to the field thinking I've got to score.

"But against Croatia I decided I'd had enough and went out simply to relax and enjoy the game. That goal was a great relief."

De Jong has had a number of problems over the last six weeks in changing homes and being involved in major work commitments.

He has now moved into a new home and has completed work proposals on a series of international computer projects.

But just as he is getting ready to move up in the scoring lists, he has had to seek leave of absence from Marconi to join the New Zealand national side to compete in the King's Cup in Bangkok, Thailand.

Club officials have granted him leave and he will play the next two but will miss the following matches against Preston, Sydney Olympic and Blacktown.

At this stage, the Soviet Union Olympic team and Korea are expected to take part in the King's Cup.

"I want to play against the Soviets, just for the experience," said de Jong.

"Hopefully, I'll have some more goals to my credit before I leave and now that I've broken the ice I want to start getting a couple of goals."

"Last year, Marconi scored all the time but there were a couple of periods where we went two or three games with only one goal or without scoring."

"I'm not normally superstitious but to make sure everything is the same as when I scored, I'm keeping the same boots, the same laces and the same shinpads for the next few games," de Jong revealed.

— TEJ SIMMONS



FRED DE JONG — ready to take on the NSL's crack marksmen after finally breaking his goal drought.

## FUTSAL

### National titles

BY KEITH GILMOUR

AUSTRALIA Day weekend January 26/28 will see 2500 players assemble in Canberra for the 1990 National Championships.

Players and teams will come from as far as Perth and Mt Isa to compete.

Grades for male players run yearly from under 10 through to under 17/18 youth, and then all age.

For females the competitions are expected to cover under 13, 15, 17 and all-age, subject to finalisation of the entries.

All entries are on a club basis, and the camaraderie has to be seen to be believed.

With the Pacific Cup in Australia's safekeeping, the women's title has as well and his men's team reaching the semi-finals, no one will dispute Nicolopoulos' Coach of the Year award.

For coach Nick Nicolopoulos, it was an outstanding finish to the 1989 season.

Cities all over Australia will be host to grades from under 12 upwards, when the full state representative teams meet at Easter.

Australian Futsal President Joe Brent said: "These games provide a very high standard of play. All states, including Tasmania will be involved."

"The only one we will miss is the Northern Territory."

## YOUTH TEAM BOOST



AUSTRALIA received a boost to its chances of qualifying for the final tournament in the 1991 World Youth Cup when FIFA general secretary Joseph Blatter confirmed the winner of the Oceania/Israel qualifying tournament in Papua New Guinea in September would have direct access to the final tournament in Portugal next year.

The original advice suggested the winner from Papua New Guinea would then be required to play a

second qualifying round in Asia to qualify for the finals of the under 20 event.

Blatter's advice now confirms direct access for the winner of the Oceania qualifying tournaments for both under 20 and 17.

Australia will be an automatic entry as host of the 1993 Coca-Cola World Youth Championships.

### No sponsor for NSL Cup

A NATIONAL CUP competition will be played this season.

The first round matches will be staged midweek, starting early next month.

The NSL, however, again have failed to secure a sponsor for the event, which was won by Adelaide City last season.

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Spectators will have to be on their best behaviour in the future to avoid big fines for their clubs.

A video and officials' reports had shown that despite a large number of people invading the pitch and several scuffles taking place, no injuries had been reported after the game.

"The executive, however, is concerned with the potential risk to the safety of members of the public and the damage to the code," it said in a statement.

It had resolved to ban the public from the playing area before, after and during games, put notices up at the grounds to alert the public of this ban, and make announcements on the public address system during the game warning spectators not to go on the field.

The NSL executive also had resolved "that the world-wide soccer principle, that the clubs are responsible for the behaviour of their supporters, be strictly adhered to".



## ALAN CLARK REVIEWS

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## SOUTH AUSTRALIA

### Foundation S.A.

PROMOTING A STATE OF HEALTH

ADELAIDE City State League coach Bugsy Nyskohus might have to play in the prestige pre-season Ampol Cup series in SA.

"I wanted to have a look at the action from the bench and have not done much preparation to play but every day brings a new problem and I may have to turn out," said Nyskohus.

"I have players injured, other going overseas and some leaving the club.

"I will find it hard to fill a team and we definitely will be using all youngsters. But we shall be as competitive as possible."

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FANS may see a new look Modbury in the Ampol event, according to coach Steve Amos.

The club hopes to fix up the Edwards brothers, Neil and David, from Para Hills, but Bryan Edwards (no relation) will be missing as he recuperates from knee surgery.

Mal Richardson is unavailable because of work commitments and Malcolm Koch looks likely to go interstate.

"We could have a new-look side," said Amos. "My long-term goal is the championship but obviously we are going out to win the Ampol Cup, too. Anything you pick up along the way to the championship is a bonus."

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PORT Adelaide United chairman Len Alagich has called for a club summit over escalating transfer fees.

"There is talk of forming a Players' Union but I believe the clubs should sit down, too, to talk about the way transfer fees are going," said Alagich.

"Some of the demands of players for signing-on fees and the like are totally unrealistic for the amount of fans they attract to games."

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CROATIA has signed livewire striker Steve Witwicki on a new two-year contract.

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## AUSTRALIAN WOMEN'S SOCCER ASSOCIATION

### JAPAN TOUR 'PRIMA CUP' 1-9 DECEMBER 1989

Name	D.O.B.	Position	Origin	International Appearances
Michelle Sawyers	5.10.80	Defence	Brisbane	20
Sharon Wass	7.2.67	Midfield	Brisbane	5
Jane Oakley	25.6.66	Striker	Melbourne	16
Debbie Nichols	1.10.64	Defence	Melbourne	12
Janine McPhee	15.12.66	Utility	Melbourne	5
Carolyn Monk	17.9.63	Defence	Melbourne	3
Julie Murray	28.4.70	Striker	Canberra	17
Angela Ianotta	22.3.71	Striker	Albury	5 (+1 Yth)
Linda Hughes	9.6.68	Striker	Newcastle	8
Alison Forman	17.3.69	Defence	Newcastle	4
Sonia Gegenhuber	28.9.70	Midfield	Adelaide	2
Moya Dodd	30.4.65	Midfield	Sydney	12
Carol Vinson	31.10.62	Striker	Sydney	12
Anissa Tann	10.10.67	Defence	Sydney	12
Tracey Wheeler	29.9.67	G-keeper	Sydney	6
Claire Nichols	8.7.75	G-keeper	Brisbane	1 (+5 Yth)

National Coach: Steve Darby, Tour Leader: Dennis O'Brien, Manager: Elaine Watson, Doctor: Kieron Fallon

### Keegan has a bright future



Mick Mills

TEENAGE defender Fraser Keegan is keen to establish himself as a player of the future in South Australia after gaining experience of the big time in England.

Keegan, 18, who toured the US, England, Wales and Ireland with the Australian High Schools team, arrived back in SA last month after training and trial spells with Everton and Stoke City.

"It was a fantastic experience and I would not hesitate to do it again," said Keegan who is in pre-season training with Birkalla Eagles.

"I would like to establish myself here as a player and then give England another go in three or four years."

"It was great training with big clubs. Even working in the boot room and cleaning out the toilet areas was a whole new experience."

Keegan, after a holiday tour in Europe, joined English Second

Division side Stoke City, then managed by former England international Mick Mills

Stoke had replied to his request for a trial. The SA youngster had penned notes to a host of clubs.

"Things went well there. Everyone was very helpful. Winger Peter Beagrie, who went on to Everton, and defender George Berry spent time with the younger players who were looked after by Tony Lacey," said Keegan.

"After the spell at Stoke, I went up to Everton. With Stoke, the players trained together all during the week before the first team spent Thursday and Fridays alone

"At Everton, I worked with the reserves and youth team squads. Goalkeeper Neville Southall, though, was a revelation. His attitude is great."

"The top players often spent some time with the kids giving little pointers that are so valuable. There was great rapport among all the players and it was an experience I would not trade in."

Keegan worked in casual employment over the summer months but could not fix up further trials in soccer so returned to SA.

He aims to make 1990 a big year and will also join the Vacation Soccer Schools as a coach.

"Working every day at your game as a youngster is bound to do you good and there always are good players there to help you," said Keegan who is a graduate of the Schools.

"I'll be happy to help there later in the year."

— ALAN CLARK

### STARS IN SA

FORMER Manchester United superstars George Best and Denis Law are sure to wow fans next month during their visit to South Australia.

The international soccer legends will be here from February 14 to 18

The duo will visit Salisbury United on Thursday, February 15 and are due for a luncheon appointment next day at the Travelodge

But former Northern Ireland international Billy Millen, who is managing the tour through his company Best Promotions, says Best and Law are available on the Saturday and Sunday of their visit.

Scottish legends Jim Baxter and Paddy Crerand may come out later in the year.

### Referees

SA referees may seek a slice of the Foundation SA sponsorship of soccer.

They want to overhaul their set-up in a bid to boost personnel and standards.

Secretary of the SA Division of the Australian Referees Federation, John Seymour-Griffiths said he would raise the matter of financing at a refs' management committee meeting.

Refereeing in SA, widely criticised in the past season, is nearing a crisis situation.

With Donald Campbell retiring and experienced men John Miller, Jim Rossis and Tony Martell facing the same fate in the next few years, there are questions over SA's refereeing future.

Referees have been told unofficially sponsorship money could be available to help boost coaching.

### PERSONALITY PLAYER



### CAROL VINSON (Putney Town)

NAME: Carol Vinson

BIRTHDATE: 31.10.62

CLUB: Putney Town (Sydney)

STATE: New South Wales (NSW)

PREFERRED POSITION: Striker

OCCUPATION: Business Analyst

MOST ADMIRED PERSON: Marie Russell and Simon Vinson

BIGGEST THRILL IN SOCCER: Scoring against Queensland in the 1988 national championship final.

MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: Australia defeating Brazil in 1988.

FAVOURITE MUSIC: Non commercial

FAVOURITE FOOD: Italian and seafood

OTHER INTERESTS: Hockey, touch, indoor

cricket.

AMBITION: To play overseas and in the Women's World Cup.

State team record in National Championships is as follows: 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1988 & 1989 NSW open age (women's)

International record includes:

1988 Pilot World Cup in China — named by the AWSA as 'Most Valuable Australian Player'.

1989 3rd Oceania Cup — Green team captain — named by the AWSA as 'Most Valuable Player'.

Prima Cup tour of Japan — Australian captain.

Carol has played in 14 international games and scored seven of Australia's goals in these games.

# Melbourne Croatia the new leader

BY ROY HAY

**MELBOURNE**  
Croatia took over the lead in the National Youth League (Southern Division) with a convincing 5-1 victory over Heidelberg United at Somers Street.

Josip Bacak scored twice, once from a penalty, and had another disallowed. Anthony Grbac, Mark Silic and Josip Biskic chimed in with one each. Biskic opened with a solo goal in 12 minutes, followed by Bacak in 30, but Heidelberg pulled one back just before the break. Thereafter it was all Croatia.

Altona Gate accounted for East Richmond 3-0 at Paisley Park. Robert Rajković, Sasha Simovski and Tracie Latomanski scored for Altona Gate, which was in control throughout.

Melbourne City JUST ran up four goals without reply against South Melbourne Hellas White at Middle Park.

Sasha Milošković put JUST ahead after 10 minutes, and Sasha Becmovski then fired in a hat-trick in 30, 49 and 58 minutes. JUST was clearly superior and should have scored more.

Sunshine George Cross left it late again before snatching victory against Clifton Hill at Walker Street.

Jim Vavatsikos gave Clifton Hill the lead after 35 minutes, running on to a through ball and giving Jimmy Dimovski no chance.

There were only 10 minutes left to play when Kevin Muscat equalised after a scramble.

The same player then waltzed round three de-

fenders before being brought down in the box. Muscat himself took the kick and though the goalkeeper parried his first attempt, he followed up to score with the rebound.

North Geelong defeated Caulfield City 3-0 at Elcho Park North took the lead after 38 minutes when Adrian Cervinski fired in a long shot, which bounced in front of the keeper, who only succeeded in pushing it into his own net.

Caulfield replied instantly and following a fine build-up on the right, Nick Papadopoulos finished it off with a left-foot drive.

North went ahead again two minutes into the second half as Adrian Cervinski and keeper, Theo Verginis, jumped for a high ball, which seemed to bounce off both players before finishing in the net.

The keeper redeemed himself with a fine save from Miro Stosic, while at the other end, Caulfield had loud claims for a penalty when a fierce drive struck David Cervinski, but referee Stephen Davies waved play on and Zoran Roso almost scored from North's counter-attack.

In the last minute, Adrian Cervinski completed his hat-trick with another long, speculative shot, which completely deceived the keeper.

Geelong City took on and beat league leader, South Melbourne Hellas White at Myers Reserve 2-0.

Spiros Kolievris's long throw for Hellas was cleared by City to Ross Hay, who found Craig Plummer with a cross-field pass.

Plummer set up Cedo Rakic who controlled

the ball neatly and fired it under Michael Lilkakis for the opening goal.

Nick Radecki, who has just won a scholarship to the Australian Institute of Sport in Canberra, nearly got away for Hellas, but Jason McAuliffe robbed him at the last moment.

City made a brilliant start to the second half, when Martin Colak found Plummer with a perceptive ball down the left and his cross was met by a flying header by Charles Fitzpatrick for his fifth goal of the season.

## RESULTS

Saturday 6th January

Preston Makedonia v bye

Sunday 7th January

Melbourne Croatia 5 (Bacak 2, Biskic, Grbac, Silic) Heidelberg United 1.

Geelong City 2 (Rakic, Fitzpatrick) South Melbourne Hellas White 0

North Geelong 3 (Cervinski 3) Caulfield City 1 (Papadopoulos).

Altona Gate 3 (Tradic, Simovski, Latomanski) East Richmond 0

Clifton Hill 1 (Vavatsikos) Sunshine George Cross 2 (Muscat 2).

South Melbourne Hellas Blue 0 Melbourne City JUST 4 (Becmowski 3, Milošković).

This week's draw: Friday 12th January: South Melbourne Hellas White v Altona Gate.

Saturday 13th January: Preston Makedonia v South Melbourne Hellas Blue, Sunshine George Cross v Melbourne Croatia.

Sunday, 14th January: Heidelberg United v Geelong City, North Geelong v Clifton Hill, Melbourne City JUST v Caulfield City, bye v East Richmond

## League ladder

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Melbourne Croatia	7	7	0	0	22	5	14
SMHW	10	6	2	2	18	8	14
Sunshine GC	9	5	3	1	22	13	13
Altona Gate	8	6	0	2	25	8	12
Geelong City	9	5	1	3	17	19	11
Heb City JUST	9	4	2	3	18	15	10
East Richmond	9	4	0	5	18	6	9
Preston Makedonia	7	3	0	4	10	11	6
North Geelong	8	3	0	5	18	20	6
Heidelberg United	9	2	2	5	11	20	6
Caulfield City	8	0	3	5	7	17	3
Clifton Hill	5	1	0	4	2	12	2
SMHB	8	0	1	7	27	1	1

## CHALLENGE CUP

NSW State League First Division clubs will contest the pre-season Challenge Cup. There will be two groups of six teams. The State League will commence at the beginning April. The NSW Grand Final day will be left free of NSW



Sasha Simovski of Altona Gate gets his left footer away in this NSL Southern Division encounter with Geelong City. The other players pictured are Zlate Markovski (Altona Gate) at left, and Geelong City's Neil Plummer (centre). Photo by Philip Stubbs of the Geelong Advertiser.

## NATIONAL YOUTH LEAGUE NORTH

# Unlucky AIS goes down 2-1

BY ANDY GRIFFITHS AND PETER KONSTANTINOS

## ST GEORGE 2

## VS 1

**THE AIS dominated proceedings outrageously against Apia but had no luck.**

The Institute opened

the scoring in the 17th

minute when Kris Trajanovski made

great run down the right

touch-line sending over

a low, hard cross into

the box which Lorenzo

Kindtner touched on for

George Sorras to side-

foot volley into the roof

of the net.

The equaliser for St

George came against

the run of play 20 min-

utes later with the re-

feree playing a fine

advantage. John Kakakios was fouled by an

AIS defender but he

quickly got to his feet on

the edge of the box to

rifle a powerful right

foot shot underneath

the line of AIS

goalkeeper Frank Juric.

Poor finishing by the

Institute throughout the

second half cost them

dearly when two min-

utes into injury time,

St George's goalscorer,

John Kakakios, got his

second and the winner

for the Saints when he

received the ball on the

edge of the box, went

inside a defender and

beat the keeper with a

fine left foot drive.

**ST GEORGE: M. Salsi, R.**

**E. Esposito, S. Hickman, E.**

**Augerinos, S. Jarvis, J. Petrides, T. Jovcevski, S. Dimoudis, J. Kakakios, S.**

**Frestone, D. Ziderman.**

**AIS: P. Juric, C. Jones, S.**

**Wells, J. Koliba, S. Roma-**

**niuk, T. Pangallo, G. Sorras,**

**L. Kindtner, T. Cranney, S.**

**Corica, K. Trajanovski.**

**SYDNEY OLYMPIC 0**

**VS 1**

The first half resulted

in few scoring opportu-

nities with play mainly

centered around the

midfield. As a result the

score remained 0-0 at

half-time.

In the second half,

however, both sides

played more attacking

football. Melita scored

first when Anthony

Parson latched onto a

long range shot which

gave the Wollongong

goalkeeper no chance.

Wollongong City

equalised in the 78th mi-

nute when after good

lead-up work by Vidal

and Krishna, Richard

Lloyd's cross from the

left was met by a diving

header from Michael

Lardis for a well-ex-

ecuted goal.

Melita's second goal

was almost identical to

the first when Parson

again hit a cracker from

the box.

## STANDING

P W D L F A Pts

Apia Leich 7 4 2 1 9 4 10

St George 5 3 1 1 8 5 7

Sydney Olympic 8 3 1 2 7 4 7

Melita Eagles 6 3 1 2 6 7 7

AIS 4 3 0 1 10 3 6

Blacktown City 7 2 1 4 8 7 5

Wollongong City 6 2 1 3 6 7 5

Marconi 6 1 2 3 5 6 4

Sydney Croatia 7 1 2 4 7 18 4

## Melita's request

Parramatta Melita Eagles has made a special request to patrons concerning parking at Melita Stadium, South Granville.

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## SECOND DIVISION REVISITED

# Newcomers from Orange made quite a splash

BY PAUL GOODMAN

**SECOND** Division newcomers Orange-Waratah made quite a splash during the first few weeks of 1989 and aided by the use of their own beautifully grassed pitch at the Waratah Sports Ground which was ready for action throughout the period of wshouts in the metropolitan area, they looked set for a top year.

Averaging more than a point a game, initially, they began to suffer from inconsistency as their programme became interrupted through the wet weather.

Everything was rosy when the team licked Waverley in its opening game 2-1 with Darren Jones and Craig Jones getting the vital goals.

This was followed immediately by a 2-2 home draw with Gladesville and after a hard 1-3 defeat at Fairy Meadow the side bounced back to lead North Shore United 2-1 until the last few minutes and earned another worthy draw.

Another draw at Manly's expense came next and with a 1-3 loss at Granville nothing to be ashamed of the Waratahs returned to pick up another 2-2 draw at home to Bankstown, the only game played on a wet day in April.

The club featured in its first derby game with Bathurst winning 2-0 at home and repeated the dose away towards the end of the season, this time running out 6-0 victors.

Utility player Paul Waine, not only the penalty ace, but a useful scorer in general play, got one the first time and then a hat-trick in a great year which saw him voted Player of the Year.

A 1-0 win at home to Campbelltown signalled the end of the better results as more and more games were lost and re-staged later on.

There were some gutsy performances, including a 3-4 loss to Granville but it wasn't until the return with Bathurst that the team hit its peak.

They managed a creditable 1-1 draw at Dulwich Hill and a 2-0 win at Mount Druitt, plus a 2-2 draw at Yugal, before figuring

in Sydney Macedonia's final game a 5-0 win to the visitors celebrating the premiership.

In collecting 15 points from 5 wins and 5 draws everyone was satisfied in the final outcome even if they had hoped to finish closer to the middle of the table.

The club learned a lot and will continue to make progress with their excellent ground, building a pressbox atop the existing building which houses the club and provides for a full view of the pitch.

The club is purchasing 11 acres of orchard land behind the complex for future expansion and is proud of the facilities including the superb pitch which has just been re-dressed for next term.

It was a phenomenal year for goalkeeper Glen Hooper, who faces a dilemma now that he has interested a few other clubs with his fine form.

'Spike' is a talented cricketer in receipt of an offer to play Grade with Penrith and a Country representative who, as a fast bowler, cannot give any thought to soccer while this summer sport is going so well.

Once the winter game gets under way the 21-year-old can be expected to regain his enthusiasm.

Paul Waine, Bruce Cousins and Jeff Johnson, who was runner-up as Player of the

Year, all had vintage seasons and will be key players in the new campaign.

Jason Wilson won the under 19 award from Dean Klower, while 16-year-old Brett Gallard won the Goalkeeper Encouragement prize.

Terry Gallard, now 35, and club captain bows out to concentrate on nurturing local players and will still play in the District. He was presented with a 17 years of service award for his efforts.

On hand to make the presentation was Charlie Yankos who spent the Saturday afternoon prior to the big night in September working with the youngsters who really appreciated his efforts.

Orange-Waratah also had the services of prominent goalkeeper coach Frank Haffey earlier in the year and will continue to involve their juniors in such educational exercises whenever the opportunity presents itself.

Waratahs look forward to 1990 with great anticipation, but will miss the presence of local derby rivals Bathurst '75 who can always be guaranteed to provide a good game and a good gate.

The rivalry between the two towns, 56 kilometres apart, is intense and it is hoped that the sides will be opponents again in 1991.

**Wayne Farnsworth receiving his NSW under 21 Player of the Year trophy from John Constantine in the not too distant past.**

# Farnsworth coach at 24

**WAYNE** Farnsworth may be the youngest first grade soccer coach of all time with his appointment as coach of State League Second Division club Mt Druitt Town for next

Farnsworth, who lives at St Clair, is only 24 but he lacks little in the way of on-field soccer experience.

He bypassed the usual "apprenticeship" that young soccer players serve through the Youth League and the under 19 competition.

At 15 he was playing second grade with Melita Eagles and by 17 he was in first grade.

He rates 1983 as his best year at Melita — the season the club won the State League and gained promotion to the NSL.

That was the stage on which the stocky striker, who had been included in a national team training camp under former Australian coach Les

Scheinflug, was tipped to realise his full potential.

However, after only four games, he required a knee reconstruction which put him out for the rest of that season and the next.

With Melita back in State League by then, he fought his way back to the top, although he believes he lost 20 per cent of his playing ability.

For the 1989 season, he went on loan to Mt Druitt Town in State League Second Division and the club has secured his services from Melita again next year.

Farnsworth actually considered returning to Melita when the club was promoted to the NSL for the present summer soccer season.

"I probably would like another go in the National League," he says. "I don't believe I've finished my years as a footballer."

Yet he is in no doubt where his priorities lie with Mt Druitt Town: "I will certainly be putting coaching before playing."

Farnsworth will set high standards for the club which had never risen any higher than Third Division until last season.

As he points out, Mt Druitt Town is only one division away from State League First Division, so his aim is to instill greater professionalism.

With no district club serving the Penrith area, Mt Druitt Town offers an opportunity for young players to progress from Nepean's Youth League ranks to State League level.

Jason Wyngaard made that move last season and became Mt Druitt Town's under 19 Player of the Year.

To trial for either under 19 or first grade teams, players should attend a January 2 team talk at Popondetta Park, Emerton, at 7pm.

— courtesy PENRITH PRESS

# De Bruin in charge

BY KEITH GILMOUR

## WOLLONGONG

Macedonia coach Casey de Bruin is in charge of the Level 3 coaching course, which began on Sunday at Valentine Park.

In an all-Illawarra affair, de Bruin is being assisted by Chris James, who was recently confirmed as the Illawarra Director of Coaching.

Newly appointed National Director Eddie Thomson opened the proceedings.

They then undergo

the Fitness for Football weekend programme.

Next they continue on with their studies, and finally they face up to a year's coaching practice and assessment.

Dave Goldie, a former Victorian state representative player, joined the course from Broken Hill, and another candidate came from South Australia.

Helping with demonstration work are 18 members of the NSW under 15 squad.

Ten of their members are at the Australian Institute of Sport, being checked over by coach Ron Smith.

Although there is no longer direct sponsored funding for courses, a very full schedule was held over 1989.

Nett cost to the NSW Soccer Federation in 1989 was \$3,000, an improvement from the \$37,000 involved in the previous year.

Courses were conducted for the Catholic College of Education.

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## Bobby Charlton conducts camps

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Few if any former stars have achieved the stature of Charlton for the combination of sheer football ability and the highest quality of sportsmanship.

He will thread in appearances at both Sydney and Melbourne, to make sure that those attending receive his personal attention at the famous Bobby Charlton Sports Schools.

His itinerary will see him involved in Melbourne on Mon 22/Tues 23 January and returning to close the sessions on Fri 26 January.

The youngsters in Sydney will see the English superstar on Sun January 21, and again on Wed January 24/Thurs January 25.

Local manager for Bobby Charlton Sports Schools, Jeff Davies, said: "I have just arrived back from

three weeks in England, and know just how enthusiastic Bobby is.

"The general coaching at the schools will be in the hands of dedicated professionals.

"In addition the winner of the Bobby Charlton Skills Test Award will win a two week trip to Britain."

The Sports School is open to boys and girls from 8 to 18 years of age.

Mr Davies said that the prestigious courses will be an ongoing affair.

He added: "There will be more three day courses at Easter.

"Already we are planning country courses for February and March in both NSW and Victoria.

"Consideration is being given to big centres such as Orange, Bathurst and Shepparton."

For information of where to apply to obtain details and join the January courses, refer to the advertisement in this issue.

But be sure to hurry up and secure your booking.

## Centres vying for U/15 titles

MACARTHUR, Sutherland and Lismore Associations have all shown early interest in hosting the 1990 Under 15 National Junior Championships.

The opportunity to stage the series cropped up when Tasmania found that it was unable to go ahead.

NSW Amateurs general manager Cec Bucello said: "We will be circularising all Branches and Associations to seek proposals.

"Only then will we finally know how many associations would like to be involved."

The Championships cover the period of July 7/15.

Meanwhile, Bucello is preparing job definitions for the posts of his assistant and the development officer.

"We can get down to

calling applications when they are approved by the board," he said.

"Filling the assistant's position will enable me to concentrate on urgent agency and promotional tasks.

"The development job will include regular school liaison work.

"The appointee will, however, have the overview of encouraging more young players in all districts and the country, and will have to follow up population and ground trends and so on.

"Obviously, he cannot attend schools personally, and will need to be backed up in these sorts of tasks by leading players or coaches.

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— KEITH GILMOUR

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# HISTORY OF THE WORLD CUP (URUGUAY 1930)

THE Uruguayans had several claims to be the hosts: they had won the Olympic gold medals of 1924 and 1928, they celebrated their centenary in 1930, and they promised to pay every team's full expenses and install a crash programme to build a new 100,000-capacity stadium.

As the new competition approached, however, European enthusiasm evaporated, and with only eight weeks to go no country had entered.

The prominent soccer powers — Austria, Czechoslovakia, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Spain, and Switzerland — all declined, and the British contingent were ineligible, having withdrawn from FIFA in 1928 over the question of broken-time payments.

Europe was represented by four nations, though none could be treated as a major force in continental football.

The South Americans, on the other hand, provided seven entries, with Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Peru, and Paraguay joining the hosts.

The United States, who were to do surprisingly well, and Mexico made up the motley 13.

Because the tournament lacked the number of sides necessary for the planned knock-out system, the organisers seeded the teams and grouped them in four sections, with four in one and three in each of the others.

The competition proved an exercise for the South Americans, Uruguay and Argentina repeating their 1928 Olympic final, though Yugoslavia and the United States were the losing semi-finalists.

The Americans were the surprise of the series.



Guillermo Stabile

for arms.

The rivalry of the two sides was such that, after an argument, the two halves of the match were played with different balls — one manufactured in each country.

Uruguay, who started without their young star centre-forward Pelegriñ Anselmo, won 4-2.

Outside-right Pablo Dorado put them ahead in the 12th minute, but the Argentines equalised through Carlos Peucelle and then took the lead with a disputed goal by Stabile, his eighth of the series.

In the second half, however, Uruguay began to capitalise on their technical superiority, especially at half-back.

Cea made it 2-2 after a fine dribble, Iriarte gave them a lead with a fine opportunist goal, and then Cea, deputising for Anselmo, put the issue virtually beyond doubt with a long-range drive.

Montevideo went wild, and the following day was declared a national holiday.

The Argentines demonstrated in the streets of Buenos Aires, slated Uruguay in their press, and finally broke off relations with the Uruguayan FA.

With its limited European entry, rough play, and indifferent refereeing, the initial competition for the Jules Rimet Trophy was hardly an unqualified success.

It had, nevertheless, made the long-awaited break into intercontinental national competition, and laid the basis for the contests of the future.

## Scoreboard

### POOL 1

FRANCE v MEXICO	4-1
ARGENTINA v FRANCE	1-0
CHILE v MEXICO	3-0
CHILE v FRANCE	1-0
ARGENTINA v MEXICO	6-3
ARGENTINA v CHILE	3-1

### Standings

ARGENTINA	3 3 0 0	10-4	6
CHILE	3 2 0 1	5-3	4
FRANCE	3 1 0 2	4-3	2
MEXICO	3 0 0 3	4-13	0

### POOL 2

YUGOSLAVIA v BRAZIL	2-1
YUGOSLAVIA v BOLIVIA	4-0
BRAZIL v BOLIVIA	4-0

### Standings

YUGOSLAVIA	2 2 0 0	6-1	4
BRAZIL	2 1 0 1	5-2	2
BOLIVIA	2 0 0 2	0-8	0

### POOL 3

ROMANIA v PERU	3-1
URUGUAY v PERU	1-0
URUGUAY v ROMANIA	4-0

### Standings

URUGUAY	2 2 0 0	5-0	4
ROMANIA	2 1 0 1	3-5	2
PERU	2 0 0 2	1-4	0

### POOL 4

USA v BELGIUM	3-0
USA v PARAGUAY	3-0
PARAGUAY v BELGIUM	1-0

### Standings

USA	2 2 0 0	6-0	4
PARAGUAY	2 1 0 1	1-3	2
BELGIUM	2 0 0 2	0-4	0

### SEMI-FINALS

URUGUAY v YUGOSLAVIA	6-1
ARGENTINA v USA	6-1

### FINAL

URUGUAY v ARGENTINA	4-2
(at Montevideo. Crowd: 90,000)	

**URUGUAY:** Ballesteros, Nasazzi, Mascheroni, Andrade, Fernandez, Gestido, Dorado, Scarone, Castro, Cea, Iriarte.

**ARGENTINA:** Botasso, Della Torre, Pateroster, J. Evaristo, Monti, Suarez, Peucelle, Varallo, Stabile, Ferreyra, M. Evaristo.

**SCORERS:** Dorado, Cea, Iriarte, Castro for Uruguay; Peucelle, Stabile for Argentina.

**REFEREE:** Langenus (Belgium).

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# Euro League is almost a reality

THE wind of change which is set to sweep through European football in the 1990s is almost certain to bring in its wake the realisation of Gabriel Hanot's long cherished dream of a season-long championship contested by Europe's elite clubs.

Hanot, the Frenchman whose vision inspired the conception of the European Cup in 1955, doubtless would have approved of the moves afoot to create an eight or 10-team (initially) league, though he would be less enamoured with the motives behind it.

In Hanot's time, the notion of a European league was largely a matter of expanding the frontiers of excellence; not so now, or, at least not entirely, for it is evident that the criteria for prospective candidates will be almost solely financial.

The matter has already been discussed at the highest level. Sectionalising the European Cup may be a tentative move towards the greater end.

But if the initial moves have been mostly rhetorical, and based on the desires, of predominantly, the club chairman of PSV Eindhoven (Jacques Ruts), AC Milan (Silvio Berlusconi), Real Madrid (Ramon Mendoza) and, to a lesser extent the chairmen of Barcelona and Marseille, more concrete steps are in the offing.

Next year in Brussels, a tournament hosted by Anderlecht, and also including Juventus, PSV and IFK Goteborg, will be staged with one goal in mind, according to the Anderlecht secretary, Robert de Pot.

The seeds are being sown.

Furthermore, the participants of the Brussels tournament were not chosen at random. It is, in fact, of some significance that there is a common bond between the clubs: a strong link with some of Europe's foremost multi-national companies: Volvo, Fiat and Philips.

In subsequent years, it is intended to expand the tournament to six, then eight clubs, and use other venues like Turin and Goteborg.

Thereafter, the expansion plans are more grandiose. The theory

behind the four-team tournament is, one, to highlight the attractive nature of regular competition between elite clubs, and, secondly, to try to persuade UEFA that a European league is a viable proposition.

To obtain UEFA's blessing is an important factor. Certain factions of the governing body are known to be wary of doing so, while others — more realistic — realise that given the commercial nature of the exercise, it is not a necessity.

They want to expand the tournament and convince UEFA that it can take the form of a championship. They want it to remain in a group of clubs linked with industry. But they must proceed slowly.

But the league that would constitute the restructuring of European football would, to begin with, have to be restricted to eight teams, and no more than 10, but it would be only a matter of time before it is open to all clubs.

The prospect of some major clubs who have only a tenuous link with industry being omitted is one which will have to be addressed.

Barcelona, for example, this season had an annual budget of \$52 million and would meet any financial criteria, however stringent.

Other famous old names are in a similar situation.

How the league will evolve is still difficult to ascertain.

There is, for instance, considerable suspicion in the corridors of power about the influence which would be exerted by multi-millionaire club chairmen.

It is an open secret that Berlusconi, and the Frenchman, Bernard Tapie, who has transformed Marseille's fortunes, financially and otherwise, are men with vested interests in conflicting areas such as television, and see a European league as an important extension of their vast business holdings.

Some of the general concern is justified, which is why UEFA, though refusing publicly to acknowledge the inevitability of a continental league, are not altogether immune to the reality confronting them.

UEFA are discreetly taking a keen interest in the matter.

The major clubs such as Milan, PSV and Real have too much influence for it to be otherwise.

UEFA are very interested to see it from the financial and television aspect — not from the sporting viewpoint.

Anderlecht are certain to be among the founder members of a European league.

The spectators may not always be warm to the notion, which is by no means flawless.

But the profit lies in television, marketing and publicity.

— reprinted courtesy WORLD SOCCER

## New name for Dinamo Bucharest

DINAMO Bucharest football club may have to give up its place in the UEFA Cup quarter-finals after changing its name to Unirea Tricolor to escape links with the Romanian police.

The club was previously called Unirea Tricolor before the communists took power in 1948 and Dinamo Bucharest, like most others in the East block with the same name, became the preserve of the state police.

According to the Agerpress news agency, the club will resume activities straight away after the upheavals of the revolution which saw the downfall of the

Securitate police force's protector Nicolae Ceausescu.

The agency said Tricolor would now be "reorganised on a democratic basis" and would as arranged meet Partizan Belgrade in the UEFA Cup quarter-finals on March 7 and 21.

But reports from Yugoslavia have said Partizan may complain to the European football authorities that the Bucharest team should be banned from taking part in the rest of this year's contest.

They could take advantage of UEFA rules which stops clubs taking part in European competitions for the rest of the season if they change their name in mid-campaign.



Albeiro Uzurriaga, scorer of Colombia's World Cup play-off winner against Israel, is in trouble with the police. The car Uzurriaga was driving crashed into a taxi. Two policemen wanted to arrest him for drunk-driving but — just like the Israeli defence — they couldn't catch him. Asked later why he hadn't stopped to give his identity details, Uzurriaga said: "I don't need to. They must know me. I'm the best player in Colombia."

## World Cup amnesty

WORLD Cup organisers have granted an amnesty for the finals in Italy to players who received yellow cards for fouls and other offences during qualifying matches.

Hermann Neuberger, chairman of FIFA's World Cup Organising Committee, said players who had been shown the yellow card once by the referee during qual-

ifying games would not have to carry it over to the finals.

"It will be cancelled out," he said.

Players with two yellow cards would be able to sit out the resultant one-match suspension during an international friendly before the tournament, Neuberger added.

Suspensions are generally served only during official competition.

The amnesty amounts

to wiping the slate clean for yellow card offenders playing in the World Cup under the same formula applied to the last finals in Mexico in 1986.

But Neuberger said the amnesty would not cover players who had been shown the red card and sent off for serious offences during qualifying matches.

They will have to sit out remaining match suspensions when the

month-long finals take place from June 8.

FIFA officials could not immediately say how many players would benefit from the yellow card amnesty but said that at least three would be suspended for one World Cup match after receiving red cards.

They were named as Romario of Brazil, Stanislav Griga of Czechoslovakia and Gheorghe Hagi of Romania.

# Manchester City must learn Howard's way

HOWARD Kendall has stepped back into English football as one of the League's top earners and with a million pound mission: to save Manchester City from their third relegation drop in seven years.

City have got the rock-bottom blues after a not-so-happy return to the top flight which led to the sacking of manager Mel Machin and the much publicised hunt for a new man.

Chairman Peter Swales was left with egg on his face after announcing he was offering the job to Oldham's Joe Royle, only

and want to get on with his job.

"I have no regrets about leaving Spain. I enjoyed my time there and it was a great experience, but I am delighted to be home again and look forward to the challenge and Maine Road. My aim now is to get City away from the foot of the table.

## HOT SEAT SHUFFLE

Howard Kendall is the 11th man to take charge at Maine Road since the reign of Joe Mercer ended in 1972:

Malcolm Allison	72-73
Johnny Hart	1973
Ron Saunders	73-74
Tony Book	74-79
Malcolm Allison	79-80
John Bond	80-83
John Benson	1983
Billy McNeill	83-86
Jimmy Frizzell	86-87
Mel Machin	87-89
Howard Kendall	89-??

the battle."

Youngsters like David White, Steve Redmond and Andy Hinchcliffe — along with experienced cam-

paigners such as Clive Allen and Neil McNab — will play major roles in the rehabilitation under Kendall.

But the new boss is giving nothing away. "I want to assess the situation before doing anything as far as players or staff changes are concerned. We have a task to complete and have to get down to it right away," he says.

"It's not very nice looking at the League table and seeing the name of Manchester City at the bottom."

There's already speculation that the new manager might have to break up City's home-spun side and sell some Blues youngsters to bring in big money for new players.

Keeping City in the First Division will be no mean task and, bearing in mind the club's record for sacking managers, keeping his job could be even tougher should he fail.

— courtesy SHOOT Magazine

## CLOUGH MILESTONE

Brian Clough, one of the longest-serving bosses in English soccer has clocked up his 1000th League game as a manager.

Nottingham Forest's game at Tottenham was the scene for another milestone for the outspoken Clough, who has been in charge of one club longer than anyone currently working in the League, and is the only manager to have survived at a single club during the past 10 years.

Dalglish has been in charge for 182 league games, winning 108, drawing 45 and losing 29 on the way to two titles.

Meanwhile, Kendall, who has just taken charge at City after collecting two championships with Everton, has been manager for 342 games, winning 173, drawing 86 and losing 83.



Altogether Clough has been in charge of five clubs during his 25 years as a manager, winning League championships with Derby and Nottingham Forest.

Statistics show that Clough's league record, since he took charge at Hartlepool in 1965 after his playing career was cut short by injury, is one of the best.

He has won 457 of his 1002 league games, drawing 261 and losing

### HOWARD KENDALL

for the former City player to turn down a move from Boundary Park.

So it was another ex-Everton man who landed the hot seat at a salary of about \$625,000.

Howard Kendall took the Merseyside club to championship wins in 1985 and 1987 before packing his bags for Spain to manage Athletic Bilbao.

His trophy successes at Goodison also included the FA Cup and the European Cup Winners' Cup and made him an obvious target for the continent's top clubs.

He's also hotly fancied as England's next manager and is rumoured to have an escape clause in his City contract should the chance arise.

But the possible elevation to national team boss is the furthest thing from his mind as he sets about his Maine Road mission.

"I'm not saying anything about the England job," he points out.

"As far as I'm concerned there will be no happier man than me if England win the World Cup under Bobby Robson."

"I've signed a three-year contract with City

### VIALLI OUT!

GIANLUCA Vialli will be out of action for two months after breaking his foot.

Vialli, the man the World Cup hosts are depending on to score in the finals, broke a bone in his right foot when he fell heavily during Sampdoria's 1-1 draw against Cremonese.

He will miss Italy's friendly away to European champions Holland on February 21 but is expected to return for Sampdoria's European Cup Winners' Cup first leg quarter-final against Swiss team Grasshopper on March 7.



BRISTOL ROVERS striker Tony Sealy, brought in to carry on where Gary Penrice left off, was playing in front of 105,000 crowds at Sporting Lisbon in Portugal.

Now he faces attendances of about 5,000 as Rovers continue to 'squat' at Bath City's ground.

"So what's a hundred thousand here or there?" he jokes.

"Bristol Rovers were



United we slide... Manchester United defender Gary Pallister's sprawling tackle stops Liverpool striker Peter Beardsley in his tracks at Anfield.

## Pointon makes mark

NEIL Pointon looks to be finally making his mark among the Goodison stars after a four-year battle.

It's not been an easy ride to the top for the left-back who joined Everton from Scunthorpe in 1985.



## Tony Sealy's bubbling all over

the only club I've ever known which doesn't show you around the ground before you sign. They're not that stupid."

Sealy has lost count of the number of clubs he has played for.

But he has lost none of his enthusiasm and it is already paying off at Rovers as he continues to find the target.

"I've always averaged a goal every two or three games," he says.

"I probably played

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my best football at QPR and with the young Crystal Palace side they said was going to be the team for the eighties.

"But my time under Keith Burkinshaw at Lisbon was an unforgettable experience.

We played in Austria, Italy, France and Belgium in the European Cup-Winners' Cup and I was scoring goals there until Keith left and they changed the system under the new manager."

— courtesy SHOOT

Not surprisingly, Sealy isn't exactly quaking in his boots at the prospect of succeeding Gary Penrice as Rovers' goal king.

"I've played with Peter Osgood, Ted MacDougall and Clive Allen in my time," recalls the 30-year-old Londoner.

"So I hope I can handle the pressure this time and help steer Rovers into the Second Division."

## HEADING HEROES



Tottenham Hotspur's Steve Sedgley (left) duels with Steve Torpey during Spur's 3-1 win over Millwall.

## FIFA punishes Iraq

BY MICK DUNNE

THE harsh lesson which should have been learnt from FIFA's two-year all-competitions ban on Mexico for playing over-age players in an age-limited competition has, in some quarters at least, gone unheeded.

The successful World Youth Cup in Saudi Arabia early this year, and the equally enjoyable under 16 World Cup staged in Scotland in June, have thrown up discrepancies regarding the ages of players from at least three countries.

One country, Iraq, have been banned for two years from all FIFA competitions with age limitations, and at least two other countries are under investigation.

In Iraq's case, the ban stems from the World Youth Cup in Riyadh last February/March.

At the commencement of the competition, doubts were expressed about the eligibility of more than one Iraqi player, but subsequent investigations by FIFA found a case against just one, as yet (curiously) un-named member of the squad.

The evidence was, you could say, presented on a plate, since the offending player had been registered for the series under a different date of birth to what when he played in the Olympic tournament in Seoul.

FIFA said that while they didn't prove that the anomaly was a deliberate attempt at fraud

by the Iraqi FA, they were less than satisfied with the explanations.

Iraq had done reasonably well in the competition, beating Norway, Spain and Argentina to top their group, before bowing out to the US in the quarter-finals.



*It may be some time before Ruud Gullit lifts another trophy in triumph. AC Milan's Dutch maestro only started light training exercises last week after his December 1 cartilage operation — his second in 1989. Gullit, however, hopes to play in the semi-finals of the European Champions' Cup in April should Milan eliminate Mechelen.*



BY LOU GAUTIER

- West German goalie Harald Schumacher is out of action for another three months. After recovering from knee surgery, which had sidelined him for two months, the colourful goalie has contracted hepatitis — a big blow to his Turkish title-seeking side Fenerbahce.
- Foreign players will now be allowed to join East German clubs, according to East German FA secretary Wolfgang Spitzner. The only foreigners at the moment — mainly African students — play in the Third Division.
- Icelandic international Thorvaldur Orlygsson, 23, has signed for Nottingham Forest in a \$320,000 deal. He was the star player for newly crowned champions of Iceland, Akureyri.
- Gornik Zabrze's Polish international midfielder, Piotr Zepka, has signed a two-year contract with French Second Division side Bastia, based in the island of Corsica.
- Bayer Leverkusen have signed East Germany's top player, striker Andreas Thom. They paid Dynamo Berlin \$1.5 million for his services.
- Kaiserslautern, of West Germany, have bought a Soviet player — 27-year-old striker Jewgeni Sharkov — from champion club Dnepr, who last season topped the First Division goalscorer chart with 16 goals.
- The United States national team will play against Italy and the Soviet Union as part of their World Cup finals build-up. The US meet the Soviet Union at Stamford, Connecticut on February 24 and Italy in Palermo on March 28.
- The Dutch Federation (KNVB) has pledged that within five years every stadium in the hooligan-infested country will be all-seaters. The Federation will also install close circuit television in and out of every ground to monitor fan violence.
- Would you believe that Dutch international captain and defender Ronald Koeman is the second top goalscorer in Spain? He's only three goals behind perennial goalgrabber Hugo Sanchez, but all of his nine goals were scored from Barcelona penalties!

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